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The Hula Boat tied for "Best Theme" at this years Gay Pride Boat Parade

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Attitude At The Rainbow Festival Fair!

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A New Light

by Lee Nichols
MGW/Staff

How many Street Fairs has Terry Sidie and the FACES crew thrown? I must have been to at least ten. In fact, I think I've only missed the one last year. I had a good excuse, I was out of the country. That may be why this year's seemed so special to me. Or maybe it was because of the man I was with. This was his first ever, gay street fair, and pretty much his introduction to the gay scene here. I was a little nervous about taking him. I mean, is the Rainbow Festival Street Fair the right place to introduce someone to Sacramento's GLBT world? YES, YES, a hundred times, YES.

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From The Web

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on the great looking web site, some very nice features and great graphics. Unfortunately, your calendar is not current!! I guess with the speed of technology nowadays we expect everything to be current and up to date and not to see last months events!! You might consider replicating the "Events Master Calendar" from your paper and have a more detailed calendar for 'the month of', updated mid month for the next month.

I am with Solano-Yolo Gay Men's Alliance. We meet in Fairfield weekly and I try to keep everyone updated on the events in Sacto, so we really appreciate the info you have available.

Anyway, just a small comment for an otherwise great site!

Orrin J. Olson

via: email

Paintings Stolen: Help!

Dear Editor,

As an avid reader of your paper, I am pleased with the way your staff covers alternative lifestyles in our area. I respect your opinions and often agree with you on matters of freedom and expression.

Cyon House is a small local publishing company that sponsors artists that may not



have the resources to get their work seen. We have been in operation for a little over one year. The week of August 20th we suffered a tremendous blow to our business. One of our resident artists, Michael McFarland had 12 original paintings stolen. He was in route to a showing of his work when the paintings were stolen. If possible, we would like your help to recover our work and unmask the despicable

Equal Rights For Homosexual Americans

Dear Editor,

I would be surprised if most Americans do not see a connection between President Clinton's plea for privacy in his personal life, and the movement for equal rights for homosexual Americans that has been plead since at least the 50's for the government to keep out of their lives. And for "conservatives" to be the ones leading the invasion of the privacy of even the President of the United States, much less average citizens, shows how much we must get rid of sexual laws, such as the so-called sodomy laws, even when we are constantly told not to worry about them since they are not enforced.

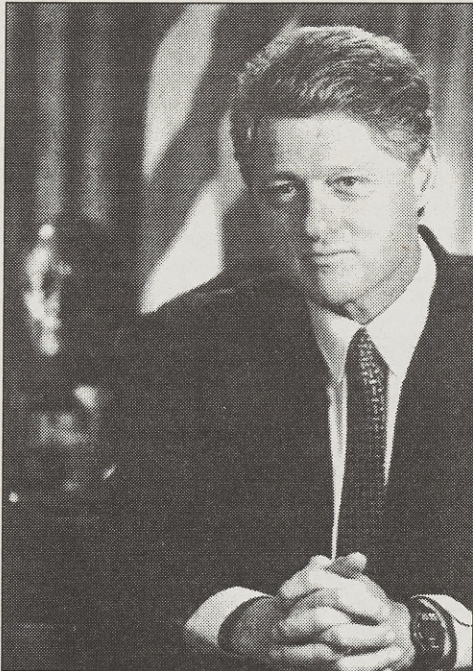
Just as the far-right-wing politicians and religious bigots were attacking Clinton long before he met Lewinsky. They have been attacking homosexual Americans long before we ever heard of AIDS. That is why most Americans refrain from attacking Clinton, they dislike those leading the attack against him more than they dislike him.

Since the media has already exploited this subject far too much, perhaps they can now see that the issues need to be discussed that will help Americans understand the real issues, such as separation of church and state, the right to privacy, protecting the rights of minorities, the question of independent counsels and the truth about Grand Juries.

Sincerely,

Billy Glover

Homosexual Information Center, Louisiana



This man needs no assistance from the right wing conservatives or the religious bigots... He's obviously done well enough on his own.

person(s) who would do such a thing.

You can reach us at 558-0426. Any help your paper could provide would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Vivian Gerlach

Owner, Cyon House Publishing

To All Boy Scouts

Dear Editor,

My beloved son, Jim Echols died last summer of a rare islet cell carcinoma at the age of 41. Among his personal effects, which his loving partner Bob sorted, giving some items to me, was one that brought tears to my eyes. It was his size 12 Boy Scout shirt, which he had prized and kept for three decades. Now I read that the Boy Scouts of America wants to somehow ban gay people from their

organization. What short-sightedness! Don't they know that the BSA was founded by a homosexual man, Lord Baden-Powell? They should go to the library and check out a biography about this gentleman. Thank you, Boy Scouts of America, for being there when Jim needed you.

Sincerely,
Betty Hornbostel, Woodland

The Perfect Man

Dear Editor,

The perfect man is gentle
Never cruel or mean
He has a beautiful smile and keeps his face so clean.
The perfect man likes children
And will raise them by your side
He will be a good father
As well as a good husband to his bride.
The perfect man loves cooking
Cleaning and vacuuming too
He'll do anything in his power
To convey his feeling of love on to you
The perfect man is sweet
Writing poetry from your name
He's a best friend to your mother
And kisses away your pain.
He has never made you cry
Or battered you in any way
To hell with this endless poem
THE PERFECT MAN IS GAY!!!
Submitted by James Ozanich

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Sacramento Police Detectives are investigating the death of Oetha Bradford (AKA: Littlebit). Her body was found on 10/25/97 floating in a drainage canal near I-5. Her death was caused by a severe laceration.

Victim was a lesbian who resided in Oak Park with her two lesbian roommates, namely suspects STREET and GAINOUS. Suspects STREET and GAINOUS have been identified as the responsible and are aware they're wanted by the police. If you have any information on their whereabouts: Call 443-HELP or Crime Alert at 1-800-AA-CRIME or Detective Overton at 246-5740.



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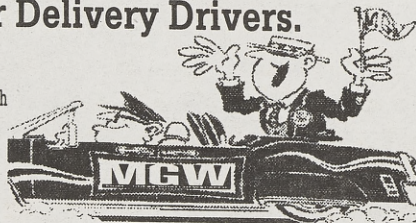


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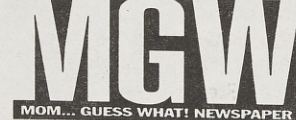
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Rainbow Festival in a New Light

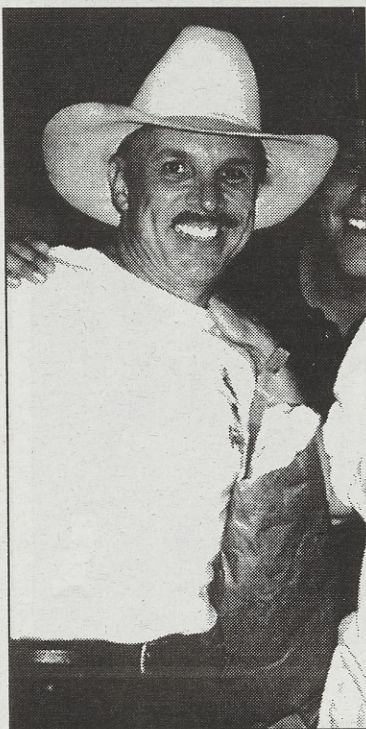
by Lee Nichols
MGW/Staff

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From the moment we dropped our contribution into the tub—and received a huge “Thank you,” and a great smile for it—to the time we left, hours later, we had a terrific time mingling with the friendliest, most relaxed, attitude-free, joyful crowd imaginable. We’d hardly gotten in when **Dennis Mangers** and husband **Michael** stopped to chat, moments later we were greeted by CSUS’s **Lou Camera** and then by **Tom Groff** and his partner of 17 years **Daniel**. The charming and ubiquitous **Gayle Lang** of **Open Book** was resplendent in flowing shades of orange, yellow, and sienna. **Mark Whistler** whistled—whether to me or my companion I’m not sure, and **Brian Lew** welcomed us in the drinks pavilion. **MGW Newspaper** staffer **Josh Baptista** whispered his confirmation that the man with me scored high on the handsomeness scale. On our way out, much later, **Rev. Jerry Sloan** called a hello.

In June a friend and I had wandered through the booths in San Francisco’s Civic Center Plaza. The contrast of that event to September 6 in Sacramento could hardly be more stark. Not just because The City’s bash is bigger, nor because I don’t know as many people there as here, but because our Rainbow Festival feels like a small town party thrown by friends for friends.

I grant that San Francisco’s GLBT scene can be exciting and can make you feel powerful, but when it comes to just having a good time, relaxing with people who care about you and will be behind you when you need them, you can’t beat River City. And when it comes to throwing a good party for our crowd, you can’t beat **Terry Sidie**. Thanks, man. We owe ‘ya.▼



1998 G&L Film Festival Scoop

by Lee Nichols
MGW/Staff

I’ve spent the last several days huddled in my darkened flat watching TV, but do not cry for me, Sacramento. I’ve been screening videos of the films featured at the 7th annual Sacramento International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. (At the Crest—where else?—October 8-11.) Be prepared to have a great time at this eleven course banquet of movies and, while not all of them are great, several had me shouting “bravo!” (Which, when you’re home alone, is pretty bizarre behavior.)

If this were Cannes, I’d bet money on Dean Soltar’s brilliant “Absolving Anthony” winning the Golden Palm for best film. Soltar, who also wrote the screenplay for this extraordinary film, has created that rarest of things, a movie that is a true short story. The protagonist, Anthony, is a cute lonely Hispanic teenager who struggles with his sexuality while making obscene phone calls and dealing with his

suspicious grandfather and a too-friendly priest. That a story like this could be beautiful may seem improbable, but it is. Special kudos must be paid to Jon Leuba, the genius behind the camera of this haunting movie.

And speaking of cinematography, the folks who made “It Happened in the Stacks,” a lesbian fantasy, do an imitation of Orson Welle’s “Citizen Kane” that had me chuckling throughout, and Boris Bownik’s camera work in “Hooking Up” is also inspired, though the story line of this short film gets a bit repetitious as hunks hook up, hook up, and hook up.

Best acting honors of this festival will be shared, I hope, by Rob Roeser, in Jessica Yu’s delightful small film “Better Late” and Veronica Sanchez for her work in “Entwined.” Roeser gives older men hope for a beautiful life to come, and Sanchez’ uses her body brilliantly to say things too private even to be whispered. Also keep your eye on the evil mother in Lauren Himmel’s “The Tragedy of

Samantha Bigg and the Twins.” In fact keep your eye on the film, it is troubling, professionally shot and haunting.

The festival’s two feature films this year are “All the Rage” and “Entwined.” “Rage,” the men’s flick, plays Saturday at 8 and again Sunday at 3. By all means see it, but I confess I grew bored by the tedious sex-work-gym-sex routine of the principles. I know it did not intend to pay homage to such witless existence, but the ironic twist at the end came too late to save the movie for me. See what you think. (I know you’ll enjoy the hunks along the way.)

“Entwined,” the festival’s major women’s film, is another matter all together, nobody seems to enjoy any sex in it.. It plays Friday night at 8 and again Sunday at 3 and after you’ve seen it let me know what you think. Not surprisingly, it left this (male) reviewer confused. Veronica Sanchez, the star, is so engaging, so vulnerable, and so damned cute I just wanted her to have a happier life.

Final advice, you’ve got to go to the Festival Thursday, either at 7:30 or 9 to catch the short films. You don’t even have to have a date as fantasy dates abound on the big screen. (Men: check out the star of “Shoulda, Coulda, Woulda” Wow! And for women, “Top of the World” offers a gorgeous lipstick-virgin and a delightful tattooed-dyke. Too much or what?”)▼

Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Film Festival Expands

This year the Sacramento International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival expands to include two feature-length films in addition to its ever-popular short films, all presented at the Crest Theatre, October 8th-11th.

Now in its seventh year, the film festival showcases cinematic portrayals of all facets of gay and lesbian life, sometimes comic and provocative, often wry and romantic, but always entertaining. “We have a devoted audience which has supported us because they know the quality of the films we show,” explained Greg Brooks, chair of the 1998 event.

Eleven short films will be presented at the Crest on Thursday, October 8th at 7pm. & 9:30pm. Included in this program is “The Absolution of Anthony,” about a young gay man’s coming of age, and “Top of the World,” a film about what happens when the local motorcycle dyke and a preppy newcomer start to fall in love.

The feature film “Entwined,” a contemporary study of the end and beginnings of lesbian relationships, is presented Oct 9th at 8pm, with an encore October 10th at 3pm. A short film by local filmmaker Esther Ritter,

“Daydreamer,” will be shown before the feature on Friday night. “Daydreamer,” the tale of a woman who has a recurring fantasy of lost love, is filmed in and around Sacramento.

The bittersweet nature of gay men’s dating rituals is portrayed in “All the Rage,” shown Oct 10th at 8pm & Oct 11th at 3pm. This feature is accompanied by the short film Better Late,” the story of an older man poised to pop the question” to his long time partner.

A portion of net proceeds of the 1998 festival will benefit the Hand-to-Hand Project of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and Women’s Health Specialists.

The 1998 festival has received partial underwriting from generous sponsors; Steamworks Bathhouses, Mom Guess What Newspaper, Outword News Magazine, the Crest Theatre, California Cable Television Association, Tower Records-Books-Video, and the Mixed Bag.

Ticket prices are \$7 general admission & \$5 students for each show. Tickets may be purchased at Lioness Books, 2224 J St., and Open Book, 910 21st St. Tickets will be available at the door. Info: 558-6598.▼



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LOCAL NEWS



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It's A Great Day To Get In Shape

Come out and run. The Front Runners/Walkers have been meeting several times a week for exercise with a comfy group. Everyone is always welcome. See MGW calendar.

New Lesbian Church Opens Its Doors In Sacramento

Sacramento has a new lesbian church. It will have its first service at 10:30am Oct 11th. Four local women seeking a church that will fit the needs of many people in our community founded First United Ecclesiastic Lesbians (FUEL). Pastors Rev. Avery Shipp and Rev. Laura Schofield invite you to join fellow sisters, daughters and mothers on a path towards inner peace and spiritual empowerment.

All interested individuals are welcome to attend! Most FUEL services include music, meditation, spiritual healings, workshops, guest speakers, and refreshments. Info: Rev. Laura Schofield, 455-6194. ▼

Get Ready For Curtis Park's Annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction

Mark your calendars, reserve your babysitters and start prepping your palates. Curtis Park's favorite fundraising event is coming soon! On Sat Oct 10th, 4-7pm, SCNA will host the 8th Annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction at the Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th Street.

Like a fine wine, this event has become better with age. Friends & neighbors will gather in the courtyard, there will be exceptional wine and food and great auction items. It is safe to say this wine tasting and

auction has a tasteful, summery finish.

This year's wine tasting will support the Bret Harte Elementary School, the Viewpoint, and help to preserve and beautify the Sierra 2 Center. Tickets are \$20.00 for SCNA (Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association) members and \$22.00 for non-members. Info: Meg Heede (455-1628) or Matt Campbell (454-5046).

Please remember this event is intended for adults twenty-one and older. ▼

New Plans For Halloween Eve

The Boo Bash, will take place Fri, Oct 30th at the Library Galleria, transforming it into one of the largest entertainment venues on the night before Halloween. Sac's own swing band, **The Chrome Addicts**, will kick off the event. Later there will be Hi-NRG dance music with DJ David Harness of SF's Club Universe.

Participants are encouraged to come in costume. Prizes will be donated by local merchants. Psychics will be on-hand to read fortunes for the Psychic Court. There will be additional surprise entertainers during the evening from 8pm-2am.

Beneficiaries: CARES, Harm Reduction Services and Breaking Barriers.

Sponsors: Sutter Health, Man Power Temp Agency and River City Bank, \$35, 453-1110. ▼

Hand to Hand seeks volunteers

In April of 1983, through successful fundraising and community support, the Sacramento Aids Foundation opened its doors and in the same month trained the first 12 Hand to Hand Emotional Support Volunteers. The **Hand to Hand Project** is seeking individuals who are interested in giving their time as a volunteer to a person living with HIV/AIDS. Prospective volunteers are asked to make at least a one year commitment of being available to their match for up to six hours per week. Info: Julianna Tachibana, Sac Aids Foundation, 448-2437, Ext. 244. ▼

Check Out These Events!

The Lavender Open Golf Tournament

The lavender open golf tournament will tee off on Saturday, September 19th, 7:30 pm with the format of devil ball and best ball. The tournament will be at the Indian Creek Golf Course on 4487 Barton Road in Loomis. The entry fee is \$45 per person with Four person teams encouraged, but singles welcome. The entry deadline is August 24, and is limited to 72 players, no refunds, you are responsible for your own substitute. Awards will go to low gross team, low gross individual, low putts, closest to pin and longest drive. INFO: 366-0294 ▼

Capital City Squares Has "New Dancers" Square Dance Class

Capitol City Squares (CCS) has classes that are held at Jefferson School, 2001 Pebblewood Drive, 6:30-8:30pm, Sep 15th & 22nd. The fee to dance with them is \$10.00 per mo. per person. CCS also charges a \$30.00 annual membership fee.

Their instructor, Robin, has taught the classes for the last several years. She will teach you the "language" of square dancing with the assistance of records and tapes. Once you have learned this language, you will be able to square dance anywhere in the world!

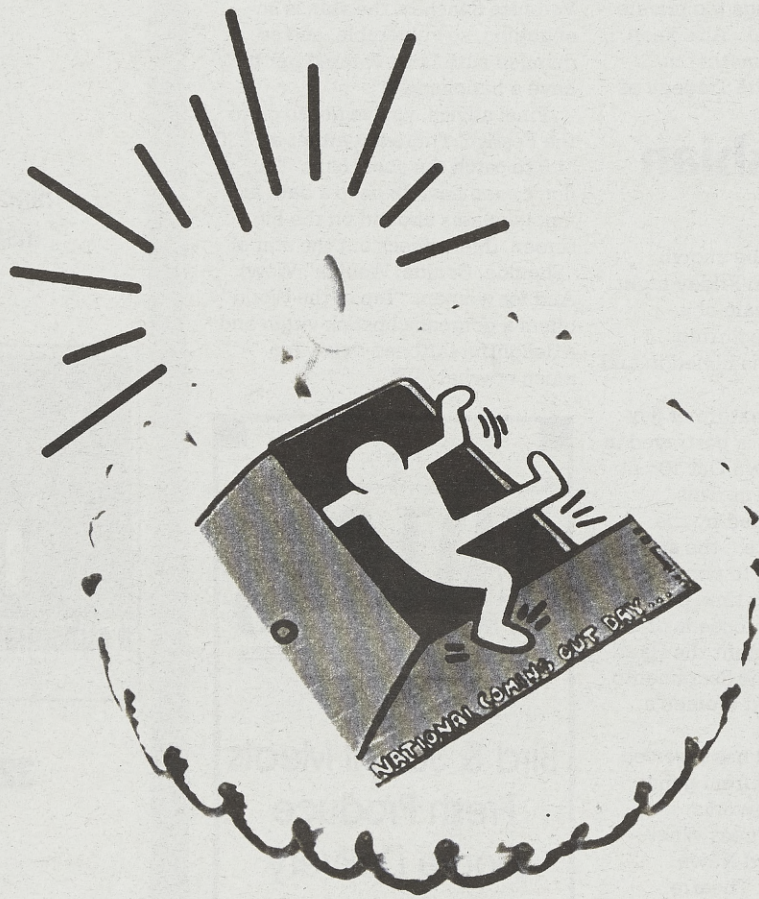
There are currently over 50 Gay & Lesbian Square Dance Clubs in the U.S. and Canada as well as in Australia, Japan and Europe. CCS is the second oldest gay square dance club! ▼

The power and importance of coming out has remained unchanged since NCOD began in 1988. Many thanks and congratulations to those who have opened that closet door during the past decade — lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgendered people, and non-gay allies alike. We *cannot* achieve equality from the closet. Commemorate a decade of National Coming Out Day by taking *your* next step — with pride.

For free copies of the Resource Guide to Coming Out (available in English and Spanish) call

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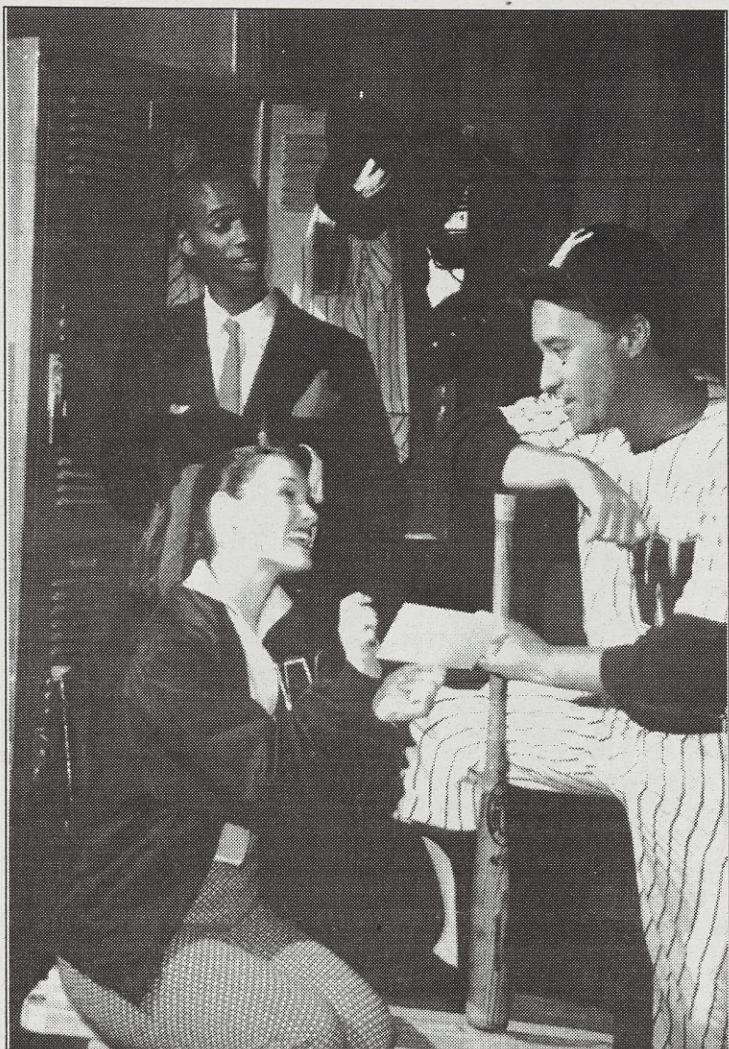
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UNDER THE DOME

Al Kielwasser, and other MGW Staff is providing readers with information about what's going on in broadcast news, newspapers, magazines and other forms of print media. ▼



Damn Yankees In Old Town

Jim Hardy (right) talks with a member of the "I Love Joe" fan club while Mr. Applegate (background) looks on, in "Damn Yankees" at the Eagle Theatre, 'til Oct. 17th, 925 Front Street in Old Sacramento. For ticket info call 207-1226.

First International GLBT Muslims Retreat

Meet GLBT Muslims from all over the U.S., Canada and abroad on Oct. 9th-12th, in Boston, Mass. Sessions/Workshops will include: GLBT Muslim Identity, An Analysis of the Islamic View of Homosexuality Developing & Implementing an Intl. GLBT Muslim Organization The retreat is open to all GLBT Muslims as well as their partners/spouses, allies, and friends! Info: Saima Majid 617-685-4175. ▼

Christian Coalition Activist Update

Texas Health Commissioner Dr. Reyn Archer has been viciously

attacked by the radical left wing since suggesting that Texan's tax money should not go to funding school-based health clinics. These health clinics in many cases offer "reproductive advice" to children, and possibly duplicate health services already provided for under state law. Info: Texas Governor's Office, 512-463-2000, Texas Department of Health, 512-458-7111. ▼

Lesbian Wins Congressional Primary

Victory Fund Congressional candidate Tammy Baldwin (D) won the four-way Democratic primary for Wisconsin's 2nd District seat with 37% of the vote (24,226 total votes). Baldwin will face the winner of the Republican Primary former State Insurance Commissioner Jo Musser, in the November 3 general election. ▼

Fight For Your Rights!

On November 3rd, voters in Hawaii and Alaska will decide whether to ratify or reject discriminatory anti-gay amendments that aim to include GLBT inequality into their state constitutions and burden our advance toward winning the freedom to marry.

Both the amendments are products of the fierce national right-wing assault on our lives, families and equality. Both are intended to keep us from winning the freedom to marry a breakthrough that is otherwise so close to being within reach, especially in Hawaii. Both are funded by a group of organizations that fully appreciate how significant it would be if we secure such a breakthrough. Both amendments are aimed at shutting down the vital national discussion about our freedom to marry and our entitlement to full equality.

Those of us in the rest of the country must help counter the right-wing campaign there and at home in our own communities. And most of all, because this is a critical chapter in our national civil rights movement, we must redouble our own work in our own circles and communities. We must work diligently until Election Day. Here is what the future holds in store: ▼

September / October

These opponents will launch their

media attack campaign to try and frighten people there into voting against equality. In the rest of our country they will try to distort or stifle the non-gay dialogue about our freedom to marry, putting forth stereotypes rather than the truth about our lives and what marriage means. They will gamble that we will be distracted and fail to speak out, and thereby miss opportunities to reach out to fair-minded potential allies in the non-gay world, especially clergy and community leaders.

The Vermont Supreme Court will most likely schedule oral argument in the promising freedom-to-marry case brought by local Vermont couples and attorneys and New England's GLAD. The Vermont Supreme Court argument will be yet another golden opportunity for all of us to focus people's attention on how inequality harms our families. We must show people how the government does not have a good reason for discrimination in civil marriage.

November

The voters will ratify or reject the discriminatory amendment proposals. They will thus either making an important statement about preserving the Bill of Rights, independent judiciary, and equality under the law for all, or invite a new wave of litigation. If we beat back these amendments, the path will be clear for what we hope will be a swift decision from the Hawaii Supreme

Court. Now is our chance to influence that cultural and political outcome.

So how can we - how can you - meet the challenges and opportunities of this critical countdown?

Action Step 1: Support the efforts in Hawaii & Alaska to counter right-wing outside meddling with the State Bill of Rights and Constitution. The rest of us who live in other states (such as California) can best serve these frontline battles by sending a check, however big or small, Now - and urging others to do the same.

Action Step 2: Begin working now to have September/October day(s) of Action on the Freedom to Marry aimed at generating positive attention and understanding from the persuadable non-gay public, rather than just preaching to the converted. Focus your efforts on highlighting compelling stories, and voices from non-gay supporters. Start the outreach and preparation now.

Action Step 3: From now through October, mount a specific targeted initiative to identify, approach, and enlist clergy and congregations in your area. Use the Marriage Resolution, spokescouple and stories, and others who have already spoken out to enhance your efforts and successes in your area. Contact your local organizations as well as HRC, Lambda, religious groups such as Dignity, MCC or UAHC/RAC.

Action Step 4: Beginning now, prepare to generate letters to the editors in a variety of local and state publications throughout September and October on our freedom to marry. Again, develop a mix of stories and spokespersons. It would also be useful to organize planned briefings/meetings with editorial boards and key information leaders/outlets in our community.

Info: Triangle Foundation (313)537-3323 For Alaska: ACLU, Jennifer Rudinger, (907)258-0044 ▼

Porn Conference Discussed Smut

University professors, researchers and legal scholars in LA arrived to discuss an issue of global importance - smut. Topics at the four day World Pornography Conference included: "The Role of Fetishism" "What Goes Into an Erotic Film: From Start to Finish." The academics mingled with X-rated filmmakers, porn stars and adult magazine publishers. Issues that were explored include obscenity, cybersex, court cases that shaped decency laws in the United States, the role of women in pornography, gay porn, the history of erotic films, and adult magazines and comic books. ▼

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Sierra AIDS Walk '98 "History & Hope"

The Sierra AIDS Council announced that the 4th Annual Sierra AIDS Walk is scheduled for Oct. 4th. This year's event theme is "History & Hope" a historic walk through Sonoma in a benefit for the Sierra AIDS Council. Symbolic walks will be held in Jackson at 10am at the Safeway and the Angels Camp walk starts at 11:30am at Mark Twain - St. Josephs Thrift Store. The event runs until 5pm. Info: 209-736-6792

What Is Sexual Orientation?

Although the expression "sexual orientation" is frequently used, it is liable to be misunderstood by persons unfamiliar with its established meaning in medical and legal contexts. Here is how the American Psychological Association actually defines sexual orientation: "Sexual orientation is one of the four components of sexuality and is distinguished by an enduring of emotional, romantic, sexual or affectionate attraction to individuals of a particular gender. The three other components of sexuality are biological sex, gender identity) the psychological sense of being male or female) and social sex role (adherence to cultural norms for feminine and masculine behavior). Three sexual orientations are commonly recognized: homosexual, attraction to individuals of one's own gender; heterosexual, attraction to individuals of the other gender; or bisexual, attraction to members of either gender. Persons with a homosexual orientation are sometimes referred

to as gay (both men and women) or as lesbian (women only)."

Here is how the Senate defines sexual orientation:

"(9) SEXUAL ORIENTATION. - The term "sexual orientation" means Homosexuality, bisexuality, or heterosexuality, whether such orientation is real or perceived." ▼

Camp Lavender Hill To Host 8th Annual Women's Golf Benefit

Established in 1992, Camp Lavender Hill (CLH) is a one week residential summer camp for children of GLBT families. CLH provides a safe and supportive environment for children of alternative families ages 7-14. CLH is hosting the 8th Annual Women's Golf Benefit at the Northwoods Golf Course in Guerneville. The event will take place on Sep. 26th at 1pm. All proceeds benefit CLH. This event was sponsored by Prudential as well as California Realty. ▼

Merrill Lynch First To Offer Domestic Partnership Benefits

Merrill Lynch announced to its workers that it will offer them domestic partnership benefits starting next year, becoming the first financial services corporation to extend such coverage. The company, based in New York, will offer the benefits to same-sex domestic partners and to adult

"extended family members," such as children, parents and in-laws if they are tax dependants as defined by the Internal Revenue Code. The policy will cover Merrill Lynch's 60,000 employees, including more than 47,000 domestic workers.

Other major U.S. corporations that offer domestic partner benefits to their lesbian and gay employees include IBM, Walt Disney, Eastman Kodak, Sun Microsystems and AT&T. Between 10% and 13% of all U.S. corporations now offer these benefits and the trend is increasing. ▼

Sin Billboards Again

A Wisconsin Christian organization has rented five billboards around the state to carry its message that Homosexuality is not a family value. "Homosexuality is a sin," according to the Wisconsin State Journal. ▼

Kiss The Kids Goodbye

A man from Raleigh, NC acknowledged he had sex with his boyfriend in their home has lost custody of his two sons. Smith lost custody to his former wife, when a judge said the boys would suffer from living with the two gay men. The couple acknowledged they had sex behind closed doors but kissed in front of the boys. According to the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the court's decision "that any unmarried parent who engages in sexual activity with kids under the same roof is at risk for losing custody of their children, whether the parent is gay or straight." ▼

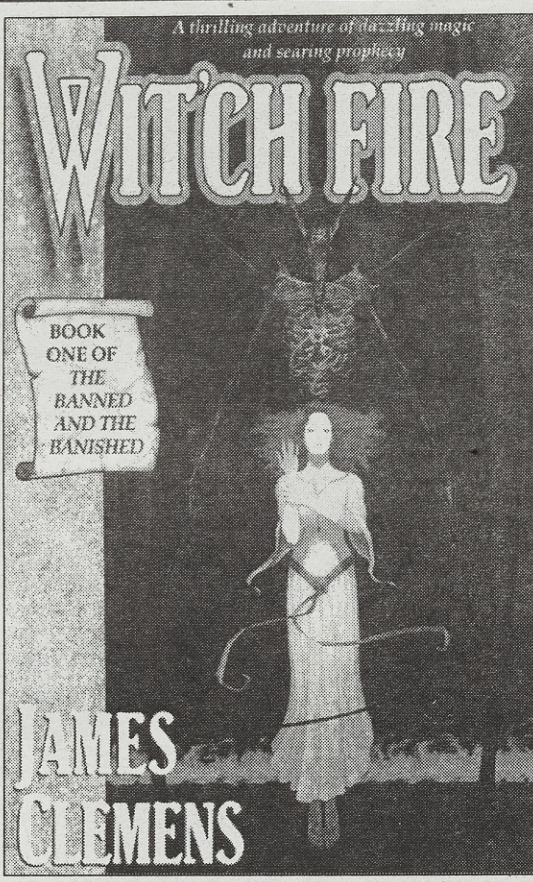
Boy Says Gay Teasing Spurred Shooting

Michael Carneal, a 15 year-old is accused of opening fire on a group before-school prayer meeting, killing three students and wounding five others. Michael detailed extensive harassment at school in recent years in which he was called gay, faggot and other names. ▼

Court Hears Case Of Canadian Lesbian Bashed On SF Muni Bus

Two teenagers must stand trial for assault of a 30 year-old Canadian lesbian. The defendants, will stand trial on felony and misdemeanor charges for their alleged involvement in the attack that left Rosanne Ellen Gervais with bruises, contu-

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Local Author Comes Out With First Book

James Clemens, (Dr. Jim Czajkowski-Pocket Pet Hospital) has published his first book, *Witch Fire*. He will be signing at Borders Books (Laguna & Elk Grove) on Thursday, Sep. 17th, and on Friday, Sep. 25th, 7pm at Barnes & Noble at Birdcage Walk.

sions, a bloody face, an eye injury, and ongoing severe headaches and other injuries, both physical and emotional.

Gervais, who was visiting her lover, has been staying in shelters in the SF area while waiting for the trial. She lost her apartment and job back in Canada, and has been seeing a therapist for depression since the attack. ▼

Possible Link In Five Albuquerque Murders

The link between the bar Foxes and at least four unsolved murders committed last month in Albuquerque were reviewed and they couldn't be conclusive as to whether the same person or different people committed them all. According to police, last month's murder victim, Barry Brewster was gay and frequented Foxes. His body was found in a Northeast Heights. But they said the links ends there. ▼

Ku Klux Klan Leader Quits

A leader of the Ku Klux Klan chapter in North Carolina turned in

his robes and resigned from the organization, saying he was "tired of hating." After eight months as a Klansman, Rodney Hunt, 34, resigned in front of the Davidson County Sheriff's office and two black ministers. "After you hate so long, it just destroys you," said Hunt, "What we was doing was making war." ▼

Grandparents Sue Lesbian Daughter For Custody Of Two Children

A judge from Shreveport, La. granted temporary custody of two children to their grandparents, who are seeking to permanently take the children from their lesbian mother. Joe and Patricia Davis claim their former daughter-in-law Becky Lynn Davis is harming her children. The children's father, Joseph C. Davis is currently in prison for a parole violation stemming from threats he reportedly made to his ex-wife. ▼

Police Officer Fired After Bar Altercation

The city of Sioux Falls, S.D. has fired police officer Mike Green following a June 12 altercation at a downtown gay bar involving destruction of property and anti-gay remarks. The men were rowdy, saying gay slurs, caused damage to a door and a broken pool cue.

Six off-duty officers came into the Touchez bar in the early morning hours, said Leo Flynn, a lawyer for bar owner Doug Kooiker. They had apparently followed a man from another bar, Flynn said, and Kooiker at the time didn't know they were officers. ▼

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With a mission to provide the highest quality health care in a comfortable and welcoming environment, The L. A. Gay & Lesbian Center is slated to open on September 21 in a 2,400 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility.

L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center To Open Landmark Medical Facility

In a trailblazing move, the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center will open a 2,400-square-foot state-of-the-art medical facility on September 21 offering a full spectrum of health care for lesbian and gay people. Lambda Medical Group, the first of its kind, will offer high-quality primary and preventive health care by physicians who specialize in the health care needs of lesbians and gay men.

Located at the Museum Square Building, in the Mid-Wilshire district of Los Angeles, 5757 Wilshire Blvd., the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's Lambda Medical Group will accept most major insurance plans, including Blue Cross, Cigna, Foundation Health/Health Net, as well as Medi-Cal and Medicare, and is expected to serve 4,400 patients a year. Care will be provided in an environment designed to ensure comfort and confidentiality.

"This is a landmark event for the entire gay and lesbian community," says Lorri L. Jean, Executive Director of the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center. "For the first time, any gay man or lesbian who wants health care services from professionals with whom

they can be open and honest will be able to come to us. While we remain committed to providing free, state-of-the-art HIV and AIDS care to those who otherwise can't afford it, Lambda Medical Group will also serve the broader health care needs of lesbians and gay men by offering quality primary care. Of course non-gay people are also welcome."

The third floor medical facilities of the Gay & Lesbian Center's McDonald/Wright building in Hollywood, including the Jeffrey Goodman Special Care Clinics and Audre Lorde Lesbian Health Clinics, will also offer new and current clients the full range of high quality primary and specialty medical care.

Research, including information gathered by the Gay & Lesbian Center, indicates that many gay men and lesbians are negligent in accessing primary care because they don't feel comfortable with physicians who may not understand their particular concerns. This is especially true of lesbians who are at greater risk for certain health problems, such as gynecological cancers, because they

often do not seek preventive care.

"For many years, gay health care has focused on HIV and AIDS," says Keith Waterbrook, Director of Health Services for the Gay & Lesbian Center. "We recognized that a whole gamut of health care needs were going unmet." The group's services will include a full spectrum of primary care including preventive care, obstetrics and gynecology, and wellness programs. Male and female physicians affiliated with the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Southern California School of Medicine will staff the medical facility.

"Our mission is to provide the highest quality health care in an environment that is comfortable and welcoming in every respect, from supportive medical professionals to the ambience and location," Waterbrook explains. The uniquely designed facility will initially include six examination rooms with space to expand as needed. The facility also offers ample, well-lit parking and convenient access.

The L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center is the world's largest gay and lesbian organization, welcom-

ing more than 15,000 visits from ethnically diverse youth and adults each month. It is a powerful non-profit force for gay and lesbian civil rights and home to a wide array of free or low cost health, legal, employment,

educational, cultural and social programs designed especially for gay men and lesbians. Services are provided by a staff of more than 260 employees and 3,000 volunteers. ▼

Dating Company Sends Message Of Support

Launching a media campaign that is sure to spark controversy, a leading nationwide dating service is throwing visible support behind the gay community in the wake of conservative ads portraying homosexuality as a choice. The new

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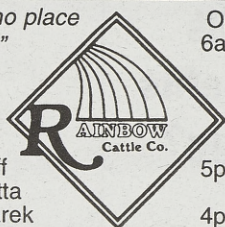


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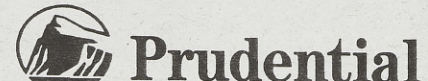
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Salad Herbs And Flowers Can Be Found In Your Backyard

This is the third and final installment on this subject by Randy Hartley.

by Randy Hartley
MGW/Staff

Any salad—even a meat salad—ought to contain echoes of the garden, and some of the most vivid of such allusions are herbs and edible flowers. The herbs should be fresh, which usually means they must be grown at home, either in the garden or in pots in sunny windows. Flowers too are best if home-grown—insurance against chemically sprayed blooms. Flowers like herbs should be picked just before you plan to use them.

In winter, it may be necessary to forego the use of flowers and to season salads with dried herbs—steeped beforehand in the vinegar or lemon juice of the dressing to refresh their flavor. Herbs will have the finest flavor if they are dried at home; to dry them, cut the herbs just as they begin to flower, leaving their stems long, and tie them in

loose bundles with string. Then hang the herbs in an airy dark place to dry for two or three weeks. After the leaves are dry, they can be plucked off and

affinities for oregano, thyme, tarragon and strong salad greens.

Borage leaves and flowers:

Reminiscent of the flavor of cucumber, borage complements fish, shellfish and almost all vegetables.

Burnet leaves: mild lettuces best set off the delicate hint of cucumber in this herb.

Calendula (pot marigold) flowers: A little bitter in flavor, these flowers add interest to rice and pasta salads.

Chervil leaves: The anise-like taste of chervil suits any mild salad; it blends well with parsley, tarragon or chives.

Chive stems and flowers: These mild relatives of the onion make a distinctive accompaniment to any vegetable.

Coriander leaves: This assertive herb, which is also called Chinese parsley or cilantro, can be used sparingly with any robust salad.

Day-lily flowers: A natural complement to mild-flavored greens, day lilies taste like sweetened chestnuts. The only edible blossoms come from the orange Hemerocallis fulva and yellow Hemerocallis flava varieties; both these flowers

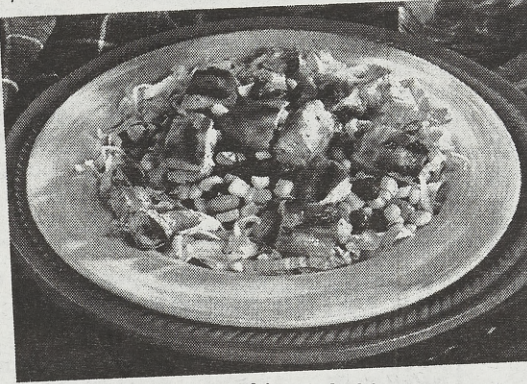
should be eaten the day they bloom.

Dill leaves and seeds: This herb's tart-flavored leaves are particularly attractive with fish and shellfish; among vegetables, cucumber and potato are dill's great allies. Dill seeds are strong in fragrance and good in potato salads.

Fennel leaves: Another herb for fish, common fennel has an anise flavor that also goes well with spinach. The leaves of the sweet, or Florence, fennel grown as a vegetable have little flavor.

Hyssop leaves and flowers: The refreshing bitterness of this herb's flowers allies nicely with salads that include fresh greens and hard-boiled eggs.

Lovage leaves and seeds: A taste that is reminiscent of both ...Please turn to Salad on page 18



stored in sealed jars.

The choice of herbs and flowers for a salad is a matter of both taste and culinary logic. The following list should provide inspiration for experiment.

Basil leaves and flowers: Sweet and clove like, basil's green or purple leaves and white or lavender flowers are natural complements to almost any vegetable, particularly tomatoes. While basil does not combine well with dill, it has

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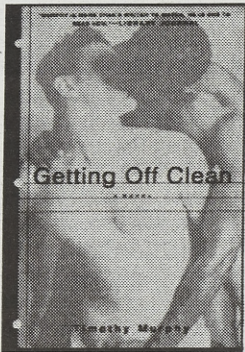
Struggling With The Truth, And Living With The Ties That Bind

by Larry McFall
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"Getting Off Clean"
by Timothy Murphy
St. Martin's Press, 175 Fifth
Street, New York, 10010,
1997
322 pgs, Price: \$12.95

This was a very realistic look at coming out in small town America. Eric Fitzpatrick, a 17 year old Irish/Italian boy, struggles with

the day to day problems of a young man not knowing who he really is, and helping to care for a family that is full of problems of their own. The book focuses on the senior year in which Eric, the only



male, and middle child of three, begins a secret friendship with a black student, named Brooks, from an expensive private school just a short distance from his small suburb outside of Boston, Mass. Eric, who is a straight "A" student, is on his quest to become the first of his family to go to college at Harvard or Yale. He cares for his younger sister Joani, who has Down's Syndrome, and referees the

arguments between his single, older sister Brenda, and their mother. They have a lot of love in their family, they just haven't figured out how to tell each other yet, except for Eric. He seems to be the glue that holds the whole family together. Brooks is a very difficult person to deal with, and verbally abuses Eric every time they get together. This being Eric's only gay experience, and

having nowhere else to turn to for male love, he accepts the margins of the relationship. He loves Brooks, but also fears what he might do to him, threatening to tell his family about their relationship and ruining his chances for Yale. It is definitely not a best-seller, but for an interesting story that will keep you wondering what will happen next, I would recommend it. ▼

Together Forever Offers Insights That Miss The Mark

by Lee Nichols
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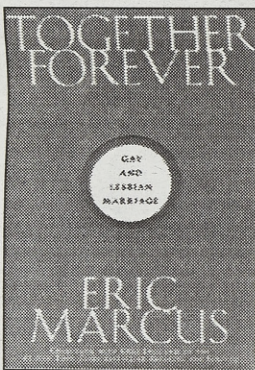
"Together Forever"
by Eric Marcus
Anchor Books, Doubleday,
1540 Broadway,
New York, 10036, 1998
347 pgs, Price: \$23.95

I met author Eric Marcus back in 1987 when he was a guest on my KFBK radio talk show. We talked about his *The Male Couples Guide* which had just been published. It was dedicated to his "husband" Barry Owen. We become friends. A year later Eric left Barry. I'm still a friend of Barry's. I mention this not to dump on Eric but to test the logic of the title of Eric's new book, *Together Forever; Gay and Lesbian Marriage*. "Forever" for most of us is romantic fiction and, at best, a vain hope. For most of us "Together For a Week" is more like it.

Which comes as no surprise, nor should it. About half of heterosexual first marriages end in divorce as do 60% of second marriages, and that in the face of powerful legal, religious, and economic forces supporting them. That any of our relationships survive the fading of the

first glow is nothing short of incredible, a fact Marcus acknowledges; to wit: "...as a veteran of a nine-year relationship that ended badly..." (A younger man caught his eye.) In *Together Forever* Marcus offers "insights" based on in-depth interviews with 40 lesbian and gay couples whose relationship has persisted for at least 9 years. Frankly, Scarlet, I'm not impressed. *Reader's Digest*-like uplifting stories about couples celebrating double-digit anniversaries can not add one week to the longevity of other people's relationships.

But more importantly the book fails to contribute to the current political and moral debate about "gay marriage." Most of us know that few couples have survived. And we know they survive without benefit of church or state sanction. What would have been useful would have been a book which detailed the tribulations, the affronts, and the injustices



these loving couples have been forced to endure in a society which denies the right afforded other citizens. Non-gays need to understand that we are not asking for "special rights" and that granting us **equal rights** under the law is no threat to "family values." Perhaps someone else will write the book we need and title it. *Together At Last!* ▼

A Pilgrim's Way Shines The Light On A Heretic Turned Hero

by Lee Nichols
MGW/Staff

"A Pilgrim's Way"
by Walter C. Righter
Alfred A. Knopf,
New York, 10010,
1998, 170 pgs, Price: \$22

It's been ten months since my lover's coffin was lowered into the earth at beautiful Monte Sacro cemetery in Cartago, Costa Rica. The Mass had been sung in the historic Basilica de los Angeles, the vigil had been held the night before near the university in San Jose. At the vigil half a hundred friends paid their respects to me as his spouse. In that very Catholic country our relationship was openly acknowledged, even by his mother. At grave side she whispered, "First he loved God, second he loved you and me."

Memories of that day, never long out of mind, flooded over me as I read Walter C. Righter's *A Pilgrim's Way*. Righter is, of course, the Episcopal Bishop charged as a heretic for having ordained a

gay man. In his moving memoir he quotes the words of Ed Browning, retiring Presiding Bishop, head of the Episcopal church in the U. S.:

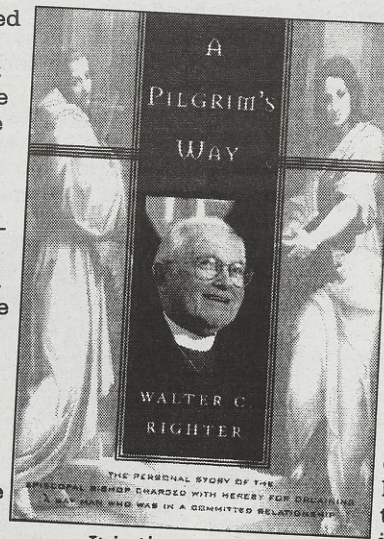
"History tells us that biblical literalism was used to support both the practice of slavery, and the denigration of women. We have moved past slavery and we are moving past the oppression of women. It is time to move past using literalistic readings of the Bible to create prejudices against our gay brothers and lesbian sisters."

Of special significance, I think, was Browning's use of the phrase "to create preju-

dices against" gays and lesbians. Though he'd never heard of Righter or Browning, my late lover had said much the same thing when I asked how he reconciled our love with the position of his church. "I believe what Jesus said about us," he smiled. "The rest are the words of men. Men made up hating gays, not Jesus. With Him it's cool."

Following the Mass the priest assured me, in halting English, that Jonathan and I would meet again in a better place. While my own philosophy denies me that sweet hope of his view, and that of Bishop Brown-

ing, prove that Christians who embrace Christ's teaching have the wisdom to make this earth of ours such a "better place." I found great hope in Bishop Righter's *A Pilgrim's Way*. I recommend it highly. ▼



Men Together Captures Love, Commitment, Challenges and Joys of 29 Gay Couples

by Charles Peer
MGW/Staff

Men Together: Essays by Anderson Jones and Photographs by David Fields, Running Press Book Publishers, Philadelphia, PA, 1997, 128 pgs, 55 B&W plates, \$27.50, Hardcover.

Photographer David Fields and essayist Anderson Jones have come together to create a spellbinding collection of essays and images that celebrate the love, commitment and lives of 29 gay male couples. Their work captures the joys, loves, challenges and sorrows of these men who have found a way to build relationships in a society that is most often hostile and disapproving.

While some of the couples are renown, such as Congressman Gerry Studds and his partner Dean Hara, Mr. Blackwell and R.L. Spencer, and Erasure's Andy Bell and Paul Hickey, most are men that don't stand out from the crowd, except for the lives that they have built together.

Jones' essays and Fields' images are in perfect harmony and help to paint a complete picture of each couple. Jones recounts the first meetings and the way that each pair grew in their lives together. These are no boy-meets-boy and lives

happily ever after snippets. Each of the couples tells in their own words how love has changed their lives, the meaning of their relationships

do the images seem posed or forced, most often they display an ease of men that are comfortable in their lives together. Displaying a wide range of



Portraits of Love, Commitment, and Life

and the joys and hardships they have shared. There are stories of love at first sight and love that has grown through the years; diverse careers and businesses built together; and the complexities of families, differing religions, races, HIV and politics.

Fields' rich black and white images are filled with the love that these men share. He captures them in their homes, at work and at play. But more importantly he is able to capture the intimacy and ease with which these men share their lives. Only occasionally

photographic talent, Fields moves comfortably and elegantly through the peaks of the Rockies, ocean scapes, urban settings and the intimacy of the home.

Men Together is not a primer on gay relationships, but it does provide invaluable insight into what has made these 29 relationships work. Fields and Jones set out to make a book that was a reminder that love and relationships are very possible in our community, and more common than we may believe. They have succeeded. ▼



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PET TALK

Chubby Dogs...

by Joan Guertin
MGW/Staff

Did you ever try to eat a tempting morsel of anything without having Rover beseech, implore and wheedle to share with you? It is pretty easy to look at the frisking pup and urge them to go away and leave you to your snack. But, you are a goner, dead meat, reduced to a backbone of jelly when the mournful gaze locks on you. How can you say NO when the pup will surely die if you don't give in? Easy....remember, every thing that the pup eats is liable to lead to that common nutritional disorder.... *obesity!*

According to The Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine's monthly newsletter, **YOUR DOG**, obesity is the most common nutritional disorder in dogs, with some estimates as high as one quarter of all dogs being more than 20 percent over their optimal body weight. Many, of course, are seniors, however, obesity isn't exclusively the domain of the old. Frankly, people overfeed dogs of all ages.

Even 20/20 got on the bandwagon a few weeks ago with an in depth look at obesity in family pets. This isn't a condition that is exclusive to any particular part of our society, anyone can over-feed. Most dog owners do. I know how easy it is to be the victim of the "I'm just a poor starved puppy," look. I have Pembroke Welsh Corgis and they are born thinking that they are being deprived. One learns early on that feeding a Corgi over and above meals will result in a roly poly pooch. That is deadly with that low slung body, short legs and long back. Too much weight and the back goes. Not something we wish on a pet we love.

According to **YOUR DOG**, the obese dog suffers from a higher incidence of dermatosis (skin disease), a higher incidence of

endocrine disorders such as diabetes mellitus....(a malfunction of the body's glucose-uptake system), and a greater risk of heart and lung problems as fat cells require oxygen, making the organs, in question, work harder. The skeletal system will suffer with added poundage.

So, what do we do about it....first of all, determine that the dog is too heavy. My long-coated Chihuahua looks round as a basketball. I was beginning to be concerned until I bathed her and discovered that the healthy diet I feed was causing an abundant, lush coat. The 20/20 sketch demonstrated the "rib test". When stroking lightly over the dogs sides you should easily feel the ribs. You won't see ribs....but you should feel them. I also want to see a waistline....that slight indentation at the flanks. If you can't feel them at all, then the dog is seriously overweight and for its own welfare, needs to be slimmed down. Just as in humans, obesity can shorten the life-span.

If you do, in fact, determine that the dog is too fat, I would recommend a veterinary checkup first to rule out the possibility of a physical problem. Thyroid deficiency is one problem that can cause obesity and needs a veterinary diagnosis. If the veterinarian gives you a clean bill of health, then it is time to take action. I personally have a problem with the vet-prescribed lite diets and would prefer a more holistic approach to losing the weight. In addition, a dog that feels deprived of food is very difficult to live with. Our very first Corgi would vault onto a chair, across the counter, to the stove to lick grease out of a pan on the stove.. She also learned to open cupboard

doors and would devour the contents of cereal boxes. Her physical problem, pancreatitis, made her obsessive to the point of distraction.

So, what are some of the things that you can do without feeling like the cruelest owner in the world? Use common sense.

1. Feed your dog on a

schedule....don't self-feed (leave food down all the time).

And, feed smaller amounts more often.

2. Monitor the intake. If your dog seems hungry after you have fed what you feel is an appropriate ration, you may want to cut back the dry food a bit and add

fresh fruits or vegetables, the fiber will be more satisfying.

3. Feed a balanced diet. I find that since I have begun feeding fresh raw foods, (meat, vegetables, fruits) that my dogs seem more satisfied. I am able to feed considerably less dry food and the dogs seem satisfied. The natural vitamins, minerals and digestive enzymes in the fresh fruits, vegetables and meat all aid in better digestion so the dog is getting more out of the food they eat.

4. Make sure that your dog gets fresh meaty bones to chew on...this will keep him occupied so he's less likely to feel hunger pangs. (An added bonus is that they will keep the teeth clean and plaque-free.)

5. If you are training and using treats as rewards, use small tidbits

The Rib Test
...When stroking lightly over the dogs sides you should easily feel the ribs... You won't see ribs... but you should feel them.

and decrease the amount of dry food by the same proportion that you feed the treats.

6. Decrease the amount of food treats you feed when training and increase the praise or activities as rewards. A rousing game of fetch will burn calories and keep the dog distracted.

7. Don't punish yourself and the dog by allowing it to be at the table while you eat. This is a great time to practice a long down on a rug with great bone.

8. You can also feed fresh fruit or vegetables as treats. Stay away from the same fattening stuff that we humans should avoid such as potato chips.

9. Make sure that your dog is getting enough exercise. An extra walk a day won't hurt either you or the pup.

10. Keep the begging dog out of the kitchen while cooking.

11. Get involved in dog training. It is meaningful exercise and is a great way to get you and the dog channeled into other directions. It

will also give you greater insight into your dogs' behavior and help develop and even stronger bond.

I'm sure that there are even more suggestions and talking with other dog owners may give you even greater insights by hearing how other dog owners handle their problems. Networking is a wonderful tool. No one of us has all the answers!

There are two good reference sources in The Tufts and Cornell Newsletters. Each contain a wealth of information on a variety of subjects of interest to any dog owner. For a subscription information to YOUR DOG, write PO Box 420272, Palm Coast, FL 32142-1272 or call 1-800-829 5116. For subscription information to DOG WATCH from Cornell University, PO Box 420235, Palm Coast, FL 32142-0235 or call 1-800 829 5574. And, don't forget Dog Fancy, a great publication for the dog lover. For a subscription write them at PO Box 53264, Boulder, CO 80328-3264 or phone 1-800-365 4421.

In the meantime, don't let Rover con you into over feeding!▼



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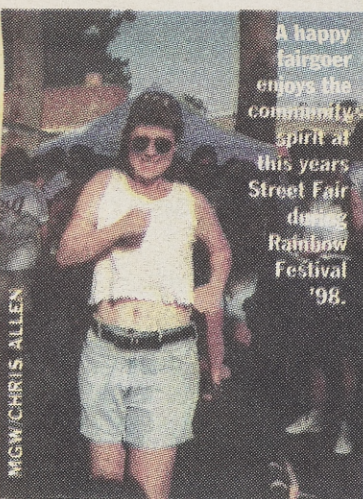
Janice Robinson performed at FACES Nightclub Sunday, during the Rainbow Festival weekend.

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Lonnie Gordon pushed the crowd into a frenzy with her high energy.

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A happy fairgoer enjoys the community spirit at this year's Street Fair during Rainbow Festival '98.

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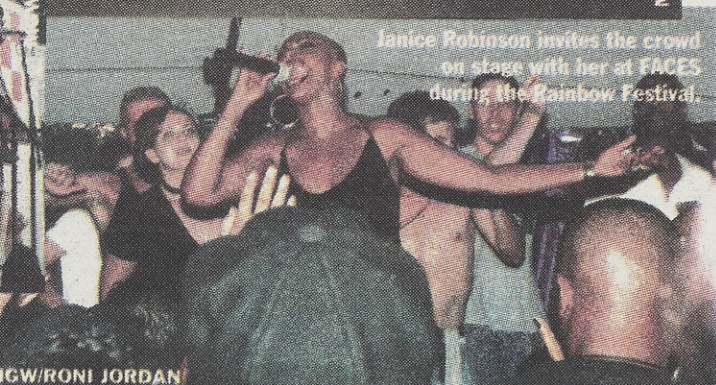
Members of Mumbo Gumbo performed for the crowd outside Sunday at 20th & K St.

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In front of the newly remodeled Depot with their open windows adding a new fresh air appeal to the Midtown area.

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Janice Robinson invites the crowd on stage with her at FACES during the Rainbow Festival.

MGW/RONI JORDAN

MGW would like to thank all of the photographers who helped us during the 1998 Rainbow Festival and Gay Pride Boat Parade!



Happy women smile and shine at the Street Fair, Sunday during the Rainbow Festival Weekend.

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Alex Borstein AKA "Ms. Swan" (comedian) entertained a willing crowd and then stuck around for the rest of the weekend at The Depot.

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Janice Robinson was feeling the groove as she ripped her white wig off at Sunday's performance in the FACES Dance Tent.

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The crowd in between FACES and The Depot walking around enjoying all the sights and booths.

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Henrietta Lopez is Captain of her own "drydocked" Associates Hair Design.

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Terry Sidie, owner of MGW Editor Joseph H. Greenfield, owner of "Rainbow."

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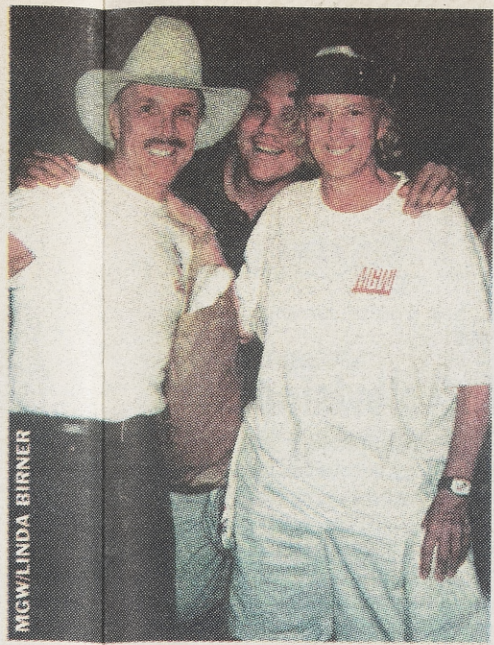
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Winner of the "Boat" passes aboard the Del.

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Gay Pride Boat Parade A Real Splash!



Terry Sidie, owner of Verona Village, MGW Editor Joseph Hernandez, and one of the winners of "Best Theme," Joan Greenfield, owner of "Sappho's Rainbow."



Boats pass under the Tower Bridge heading up to Verona Village.

Laurie Bonifield, Kerry Holsworth, Sue Fast, Terry Sidie and Kate Moore after the 2nd Annual GL Boat Parade kicking off the Rainbow Festival '98 weekend.



WaveRunner "Water Faeries" with tinsel wand parade by the judges.



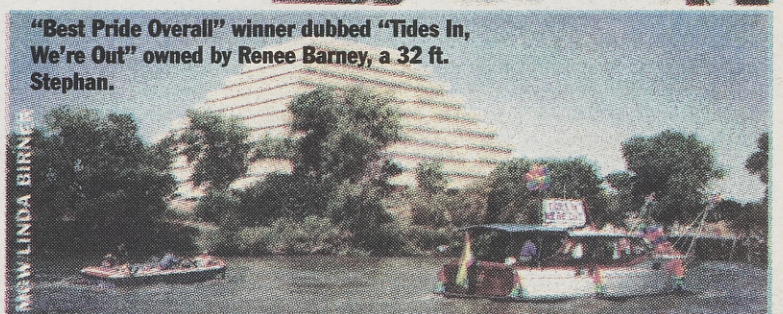
Winner of the "Sexiest Male Boat" passes by the judges aboard the Delta King.



Winner of "Best Theme" aboard Joan Greenfield's boat "Sappho's Rainbow," were crew members dressed in togas, a rainbow arch, and, of course, rainbow flags.



Emannelle aboard "Sappho's Rainbow."



"Best Pride Overall" winner dubbed "Tides In, We're Out" owned by Renee Barney, a 32 ft. Stephan.



Mike DeGrand at the helm with a Bear Association flag up in the breeze.



Rosana Herber, Captain Vicki Pfingst, Angie Salvia, and crew members on a very festive boat.



Judges aboard the Delta King in Old Sacramento.

HOW MANY S'S IN HOLLYWOOD

Bert Parks' Winnebago

by Gerald Semas
MGW/Staff

Film...

The upcoming film *Happy, Texas* features **Jeremy Northam** (Emma) and **Steve Zahn** as escapees from a Texas chain gang. Unexpectedly, their plans change when they steal a Winnebago owned by two gay beauty contestant coaches on their way to the Little Miss Fresh Squeezed Beauty Pageant in Happy, Texas. No problem... Except for being pulled over by the sheriff, William H. Macy (Fargo), who mistakes them for the two pageant officials and escorts them into town. Faster than you can say **Jon Benet Ramsey**, the two are forced to play along and join the high-fashion world of toddlers on the cat walk. It won the award for Best Documentary at this year's Berlin Film Festival, now *The Brandon Teena Story* is reaching neighborhood theatres around the country. Distributed by Zeitgeist Films this documentary tells the tragic story of Brandon Teena, a 20-year-old transgendered person from Nebraska who was raped and

home to care for her terminally ill mother. A mother who makes **Martha Stewart** look like she's on prozac. She is surprised to find herself back in the role of a child as a result of her mother's, **Meryl Streep**, hypermaternalism and father's, **William Hurt** (Kiss of the Spiderwoman) hypercritical nature. Though a series of amusing miscommunications and misunderstandings she discovers elements of her parent's wisdom and courage never before witnessed. This funny and touching story is based on the novel by **Anna Quindlen** under the direction of **Carl Franklin** (Devil In A Blue Dress). Lisa Reardon's edgy new novel *Billy Dead*, just out in bookstores from Viking Press, has been optioned for filming by **Madonna**. As part of her development deal with Warner Brothers, the Material Girl was quite taken with this unique love story between a brother and a sister and the resulting impact it has on their family. Through the years, the siblings drift apart only to be reunited after 10 years when their despicable brother is

ballet and features scenes in an opera house, the prince's bedroom and a sleazy nightclub full of characters like a pop idol, East End hoods and a pimp. S.F.'s New Conservatory Theatre Center kicks off its fourth season on Sept. 26th with the world premiere of Bru Dye's *Like A Vampire*. This sensual retelling of the Dracula legend has the vampire stalking boys in Victorian England. Didn't Michael Jackson cancel his British tour? Heading to New York this month? Want to do your Christmas shopping early? Don't miss the 12th annual *Broadway Flea Market* in N.Y.'s Shubert Alley off Times Square on Sept. 27th. Sponsored by Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, the event features a Grand Auction with material from shows on and off Broadway as well as TV series. Ohhh baby, can't wait to get that Rosie O'Donnell sweat suit. Other items include

of the 1997 musical *Triumph of Love* which starred **Betty Buckley**, **Susan Egan** and **F. Murray Abraham** is scheduled for release on Oct. 7th.

It's Divas for days when N.Y.'s Carnegie Hall hosts *My Favorite*

"Agnes, You're coming out!"

On Television...

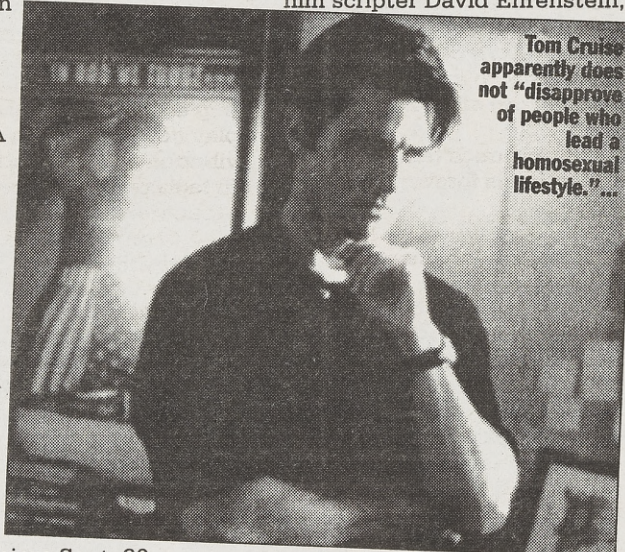
The documentary *The Real Ellen Story*, a one-hour look at the coming-out episode of the ABC series *Ellen*, will air on the Bravo cable channel on Sept. 30 at 8pm. The film features interviews with **Ellen Degeneres**, her mom Betty, **Anne Heche**, **Laura Dern**, **Diane Sawyer**, **Melissa Etheridge** and former Disney employees. The upcoming tele-film for A&E, *Dash and Lilly* being directed by **Kathy Bates** (Primary Colors) features **Sam Shepard** and **Judy Davis** as **Dashiell Hammett** and **Lillian Hellman**. The next episode of the gay news magazine series *In The Life* will air on Sacramento's KVIE on Sept. 27th, 11pm. This one takes a look at Gay/Lesbian film and film festivals. **Laura Linney** (More Tales of the City) has been cast in the ABC tele-movie version of the play *Love Letters*. This simply produced two character piece about two life-long friends has been performed all over the country, often featuring former *The Love Boat* guests.

Misc...

The new book, *Open Secret: Gay Hollywood 1928 - 1998*, by film scripter David Ehrenstein,

Broadway - The Leading Ladies hosted by **Julie Andrews** on Sept. 28th. The one-night only extravaganza boasts appearances and performances by **Chita Rivera**, **Betty Buckley**, **Patti Lupone**, **Elaine Page** and **Whoopi Goldberg**. Don't worry about missing out, the event will be taped for showing on the PBS series *Great Performances*. A CD and video tape of the show are being planned for future release.

Jonatha Harvey's new play *Guiding Star* will have its world premiere Sept. 30 at the Everyman Theatre in Liverpool. The work focuses on a survivor of the 1989 Hillsborough disaster in which almost one hundred fans were crushed. On Sept. 14th, **Charles Busch** played the title role in a production of *Auntie Mame* which benefitted Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. Also in the cast of this auspicious event were, **John Davidson**, **Barbara Feldon**, **Maxwell Caulfield**, **Juliet Mills** and **Peggy Cass** reprising her role of Agnes Gooch from the film version. *Maybe this version offers a different take on the line*



Tom Cruise apparently does not "disapprove of people who lead a homosexual lifestyle."...

offers a social history of gays on, off and behind the silver screen. Though early rumors mentioned some juicy reference to **Tom Cruises'** lifestyle, the book merely mentions him in a section which questions why do we care if a celebrity is or is not gay. As a result, Cruise's lawyers sent a letter to the book's publisher, William Morrow & Co., seeking confirmation on the book's content relating to their client. In the letter, the solicitor's stated that while Cruise is not gay, he "does not disapprove of people who lead a homosexual lifestyle." Cruise apparently gave this quote at a private party with John Travolta, Leonardo diCaprio and Richard Gere.



Swan Lake will be produced in a 16 week limited run at New York's Neil Simon Theatre. **Matthew Bourne's** all-male show will preview on September 26. The part-ballet, part-musical offers a modern look at the classic.

murdered in 1993. Filmmakers **Susan Muska** and **Great Olafsdottir** have painted a chilling picture of intolerance and transphobia in middle American. The work features interviews with women who knew Brandon, as well as the men who killed him and the police who didn't protect him.

In the Sept. 18 Universal release, *One True Thing*, **Renee Zellweger** (Jerry McGuire) must summon hidden strengths and patience when she returns

murdered in a Michigan town full of suspects. Does that make Madonna a *Material Girl Witness*?

In Theatre...

Matthew Bourne's all-male production of *Swan Lake* kicks off a 16 week limited run at N.Y.'s Neil Simon Theatre, with previews on Sept. 26. The part-ballet part musical offers a different look at the classic

doorstep on the night he's scheduled drag debut at a local gay bar. Previously produced by **Charles Ludlum** and the Ridiculous Theatrical company, the show opens at S.F.'s Theatre Rhinoceros Oct. 1 through 25th. The words of **Tony Kushner** (Angels In America) return to the Berkeley Repertory Theatre stage when his play *Hydriotaphia* or *the Death of Dr. Browne* opens their 98/99 season on Sept. 16th. The play is set around the deathbed of 17th-century author **Sir Thomas Browne** as he is surrounded by his wife, absent-minded cook, lustful lab assistant, the stammering parson, the local gravedigger and more bizarre characters than a Fellini movie. The original cast album

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-Quintin Crisp

OUT ON FILM

Coming Of Age On The Edges In The Slums Of Beverly Hills

by Stefan Grünwedel
MGW/Staff

Slums of Beverly Hills.
Starring Natasha Lyonne,
Alan Arkin, Kevin Corrigan,
Marisa Tomei. Directed by
Tamara Jenkins. (90 min.)

Slums of Beverly Hills just a nutty comedy set in 1976 about a low-life family living on the fringe of ZIP code 90210 in order to "fit in" with the Beverly Hills lifestyle? No, it's a much deeper film, based on director Jenkins's memoirs, that depicts—in a hilarious manner—a young woman's coming of age, her struggling family, and the strength of family bonds in the face of adversity.

Vivian Abramowitz (Lyonne) is the only girl in her family. At 15, she's just realizing what it's like to be female: her breasts are rounding out nicely, much to her chagrin and the entertainment of her brothers (one older, one younger). As if developing weren't enough of a concern, her father Murray (Arkin) has just driven her and her two brothers from the East Coast to escape mom and find a better life in the west. Although they cannot afford the typical residences in Beverly Hills, Murray knows that the school district is a good one. They live in a cheap, furnished one-bedroom apartment so that his kids can attend Beverly High.

"Furniture is temporary; education is forever," he explains.

Murray's problem is that his cash flow is too uneven for them to stay in any one place for very long, so they pack up in the middle of the night and head from one ratty, but fancifully named apartment to another, oohing and aahing at the mansions of various celebrities along the way, and dining at Sizzler when they feel like celebrating.

This type of family—what Jenkins calls "nomads of divorce"—is not what springs to mind when conjuring up images of the '70s. But this is what the director herself experienced as a young girl, and which she saw in other families around her.

It makes for interesting family dynamics. Murray struggles to maintain his

dignity, yet have enough cash to pay his family's way. His rich brother Mickey (Carl Reiner) helps in a pinch, but at a psychological cost to Murray's (and his family's) self-respect.

One day Vivian's screwed-up,

of gross humor in this comedy; it's a sign of a character's maturity.

Aside from the vibrator, Vivian finds her sexual outlet in Eliot (Corrigan), her friendly, pot-selling neighbor who's in

are handled—literally. In several scenes, men freely cop a feel at breasts (not always Vivian's), and this is fully depicted on-screen. Yet when Rita tells Vivian that it's okay for her to feel Rita's breasts in order to compare them to her own, the

touching happens off-camera. It's a subtle difference, yet it's clear that the audience is not supposed to see a woman touching another woman "intimately." Would folks really get the wrong idea?

Despite that bit of annoying censorship (or prudishness), the film is dead right in its portrayal of vanity surgery. Vivian flirts with the idea of visiting a breast-reduction clinic to make hers smaller. Despite her obvious adolescence, the doctor seems willing to go ahead without parental approval. It only takes a few moments for Vivian to realize the stupidity

and degradation of this procedure. More power to her!

Slums of Beverly Hills ends as it begins, with the Abramowitzes pursuing the right apartment in this fabulous



Natasha Lyonne learns a lot about her body and relationships in Tamara Jenkins's sentimental comedy, *Slums of Beverly Hills*.

older cousin Rita (Tomei) comes to live with them. Fresh from a drug rehab clinic, she attempts to start a new life by attending nursing school—as well as patching things up with an ex-boyfriend. Her very presence mildly upsets the family's routine and helps Vivian along her road to sexual awakening and discovery.

Rita and Vivian raise the standard of female bonding in movies. Rather than giggle and hug each other, they giggle and play hot potato with a humming vibrator. Not only do they begin to feel comfortable with each other, the art of self-love is passed on to another generation.

Lucky for us, we get to witness Vivian's first experimentation with the vibrator. As perhaps only a female director could show it, this scene is both discreet, touching, and honest. Masturbation is not the subject

awe of Charles Manson. It's an odd union at first, though it makes sense that these two misfits should hook up, if even for a brief time.

Slums of Beverly Hills is a surprisingly sexually charged movie. From the beginning, much is made of Vivian's chest development. Murray seems slightly embarrassed by his daughter's sudden need for a brassiere. At the lingerie store, however, the woman fitting her reassures her (in a somewhat comical manner) that breasts are beautiful.

There's an interesting double-standard regarding how breasts

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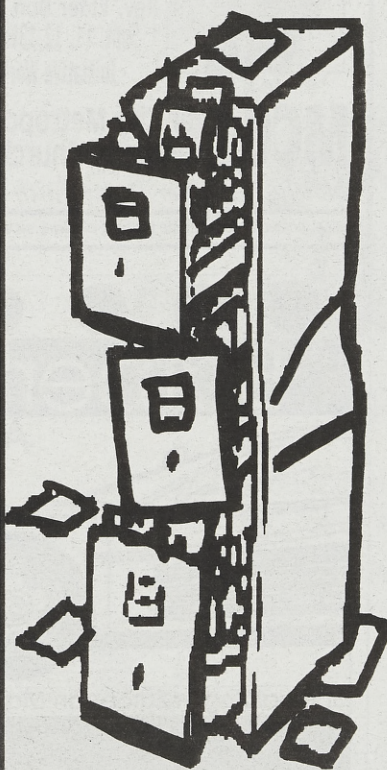
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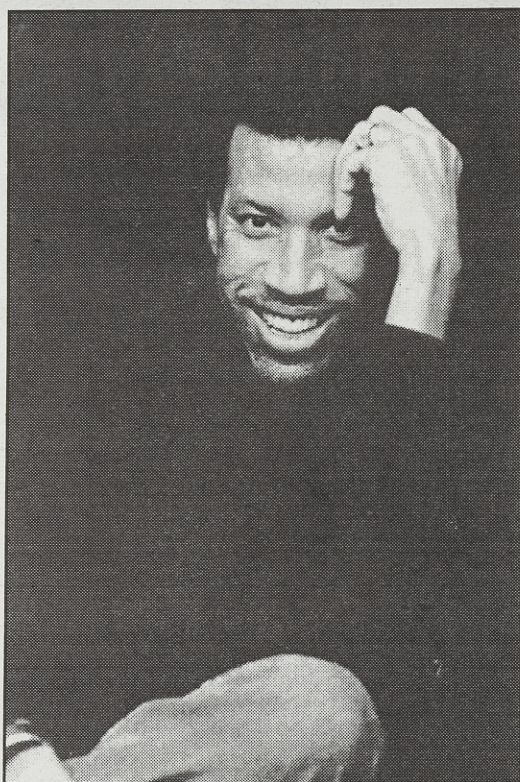
SOUNDBITES

A Long Time Coming

by Charles Turner
MGW/Staff

A Long Time Coming Lionel Richie, Time, Mercury Records

It seems so long ago and far away since we've heard from R&B's prodigal son belting out the soulful tapestries that have made this entertainer a household name over the years. The multi-talented artist I speak of, whose voice transcends across the world like an unharnessed wind embraced by all cultures, is **Lionel Richie**, the recipient of a Golden Globe, 5 Grammys, an Oscar and over forty awards worldwide. He's also sold fifty million plus albums! There was little doubt that the smoldering embers would rekindle in time, blazing into his latest release on Mercury Records, *"A Long Time Coming."* *"Zoomin'"* reflects a state of mind, *"I Hear Your Voice"* is haunting, *"Touch"* is simple and straight forward. *"Forever"* is a beautiful testimony to the bliss shared by lovers, *"Every Time"* is a confession



Lionel Ritchie has come back to singing R&B, and the wait was very worthwhile.

with a beat, *"Time,"* the title cut, follows life from beginning to end, reflecting on directions and decisions we make. The youthful sound comes through loud and clear on *"To The Rhythm"* with the helpful talents of *"The Boogie Man."* The old stand-by's passion and seduction are fused together in *"Stay,"* do you hear hints of *"Three Times A Lady"* in *"The Way I Feel."* **Lionel Richie's** new album is a project that was well worth waiting for! ▼



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On Coming Out Day, Sunday October 11, 7:00p.m., Sacramento Theater Company and MGW is sponsoring a Patsy Cline dress alike. Everyone in Patsy Cline costume will receive \$5 off on their ticket and the best will receive STC season tickets. Ted Swindley's musical *Always...Patsy Cline* will run from September 15 to October 11. STC is located at 1419 H Street. So... are you inclined?

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Jim Ralston Returns As A Solo Act

Jim Ralston will be returning to the stage as a solo performer, Sep 13th at the Fall Bookfest, sponsored by the Open Book and in conjunction with the Sacramento AIDS Walk. Ralston is formerly one-third of Sac's own gay country-western group, **Open Road**. He has spent the last several years behind the scenes, producing concerts and events for others, (Romanovsky & Phillips) and has now returned to his roots as a solo performer.

"Yeah, it's just fun for now, for the joy of it," Ralston says. "That lets me be more choosy about the music I do. It's got to be real." Much of his music is original, with titles like "Short Stack," "Spare Change," and "Consider Me." Other songs are "covers" of his favorite tunes, with influences from rock, country and folk.

Ralston has played at numerous Gay Pride Days, from Long Beach to Frisco, from Sac to Minneapolis and St. Paul. Along with club and coffeehouse appearances, he has also played weddings and commitment ceremonies, and has donated his talents for the AIDS Memorial Quilt and the cable TV show "Being Gay Today," having written the shows' theme song. Booking info: 731-5648 ▼



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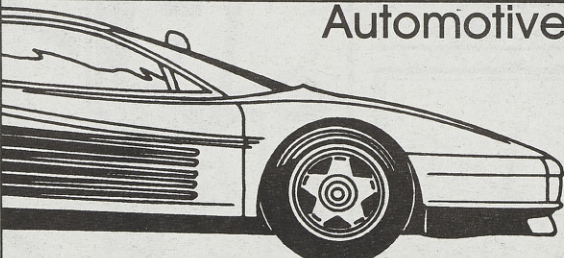
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GARDENING

September is the beginning of our second growing season

by Robert Hamm
MGW/Staff

September is definitely a hard-to-describe month here in the valley. The days are getting shorter, winter growers start growth and fall-bloomers begin to bloom. Yet our weather can still be hot and dry and most people think the garden year is over.

This is far from the case! September is the beginning of our second growing season. There are numerous winter and early spring-blooming plants and a whole selection of cool weather growers that are planted in September to grow and bloom while the weather is cool. Besides the common Pansies, Calendula, Primroses and Cyclamen (the last two being perennials grown as annuals), you have things like California Poppy, other poppies, Clarkia, Linaria and lots of other cool weather annuals. This is the month that fall planting traditionally begins.

For perennials fall is a great time to plant. Our weather is such that root growth continues almost all winter, so a small starter put in now will actually outperform a larger plant put in next spring because it develops a large root system and literally explodes in growth in the spring. Plus cooler weather and natural rainfall help the plants get well established.

This also applies to trees and



shrubs. A smaller one fall planted will often outperform a spring planted one. Unfortunately many of the so-called "nurseries" do not encourage fall planting. They are mass

merchandisers and actually clean out their plant areas in

September to get ready for Halloween and Christmas sales.

So while September on through winter is a wonderful time, plants actually become hard to find except for the few of us who actually grow plants rather than just sell them. For growers this is the time of year to pot starters into larger pots for those of you who insist on waiting for spring and then buying larger plants at higher prices.

Late in September I would suggest one last feeding of the yard so that plants go into the winter season well fed and green. This can make quite a difference in how well things come through the winter. Seed some cool weather annuals for late winter and spring color, stop dead hunting summer annuals that you want to re-seed for next year so they can ripen and drop seed.

Do not prune any of the fall bloomers - Chrysanthemums, many Salvia, Mexican Marigold, etc. These plants are already reacting to the shorter days with internal change, which will cause buds to form even if they are not viable yet. Trimming now will at least delay and possibly prevent blooming. You can move and divide

Daylilies, Agapanthus and Tulbaghia now. Salvia cuttings taken in September will root well. You can get a head start on winter weeds by giving dry sections of the yard a good soaking now and making them germinate early. Then you can weed while the weather is still nice rather than waiting for our natural rains and then realizing a crop of winter weeds has germinated. For those of you who like a green lawn in the winter, an over-seeding with winter (annual) rye in September or October will keep it green all winter. For those of you who have asked why some items are never seen in nurseries, there are several reasons.

1. Some plants don't look good in containers.

2. Some items will not bloom in containers and most items are sold in bloom nowadays. Unfortunately a number of the larger growing perennials are in this category (Eupatorium as an example). They need to be big before they'll bloom well and so aren't 'gallon' material.

Remember - Fall is a Great Planting Time! ▼

Perennial Plant Sales Closing Down

Robert B. Hamm, organizer of the perennial plant sales benefiting the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and other local charities, announces that he is shutting down October 11.

All remaining plants will be sold off by that date at 2230 18th Street. Sale hours are 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. through the 11th (closed Mondays).

Hamm (an AIDS patient himself) had planned to close temporarily for the winter to take care of some health matters. However, he was recently notified by the city enforcement division that he could not continue selling in his current location.

Faced with surgery and moving he decided to simply shut down and take care of health matters. After he is feeling better he will deal with finding a new location to continue his plant growing and sales. He hopes to be able to reopen in another location for Fall, 1999.

Hamm's garden at 18th and W Streets, a showcase for the neighborhood, will largely be removed. Many of those plants will be for sale also.

The plant sales which

Hamm has organized have raised over \$9,000 this year for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and other charities. This does not include the Fall Benefit Sale held Sept. 18-20. (Mr. Hamm anticipated another \$2,000-\$3,000 sales for SAF from that event.)

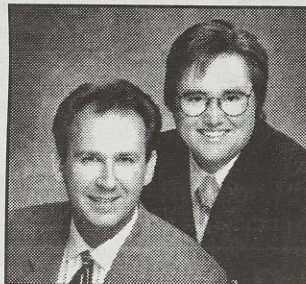
The monthly newsletter on gardening in the Sacramento area, which is published by Hamm, will continue without interruption. The newsletter contains lots of helpful hints dealing with growing in the Sacramento area where plants, schedules and the performance of plants do not match most book or plant tag descriptions. The newsletter is available by subscription and is \$10 a year. ▼

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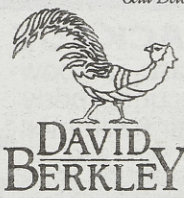
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This Tony Award winning musical leads off The Lambda Players 10th Anniversary season. With music and lyrics by William Finn and Book by William Finn and James Lapine, *Falsettos*, won Tony Awards for Best Score and Best Book in 1992.

"It would be simple to say that *Falsettos* is a story of family values, but perhaps more accurately, it is the story of the value of family and friends, a new extended definition of family values," said director Christopher Tullysewski. "Told entirely in song, it is an often hilarious look at one gay man's struggle to define his family. But it is also a deeply moving examination of family life and the advent of the AIDS crisis."

The Players have assembled a top notch cast for *Falsettos*



Adults & children star in the musical *Falsettos*, put on by the Lambda Players. *Falsettos* will play until Sept. 26th at the 24th St. Theatre, 2791 24th St. 484-4742

starring Bradley Moates as Marvin, Meleva Steiert as his ex-wife and Steven Minow as his lover, Whizzer. Bill Zarriello, as Marvin's psychiatrist and Margery Bailey and Maggie Burkle as the lesbians-next-door and Nicholas Meredith as Marvin's son Jason each bring a wonderful depth of talent to the show. Accompanying them will be a Teeny Tiny Band, under the musical Direction of Lucy D'Mot

In a first for local theatre, The Lambda Players will be hosting a display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt during the run of *Falsettos*. "We are very excited to be working with the NAMES Project," said Tullysewski, "AIDS prevention and awareness are very important to The

Lambda Players and this production."

Falsettos plays Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, September 11th-26th, with a 2pm matinee on Sunday, September 13. The Sunday matinee is a special performance hosted by **Sports Leisure Travel** who will be giving away free tickets for persons 55 and over, to obtain tickets, call Sports Leisure Travel at 361-2051, or visit them at 9527-A Folsom Blvd. (West of Bradshaw).

Falsettos will be performed at the 24th Street theatre, located at 2791 24th Street. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Open Book, located at 910 21st Street and at the door the evening of performances. Reservations can be made by calling 484-4742.▼

Free Tickets: Sports Leisure Travel Sponsors Falsetto

Sports Leisure Travel has joined forces with The Lambda Players as the sponsor of the production of *Falsettos* at the 24th Street Theatre, September 11-26, with a special Sunday matinee on September 13. Your age and interest in travel could be your ticket to free admission. Sports Leisure Travel is Sacramento's leader in escorted and packaged tours. The company has noticed a steady rise in the number of older gay and lesbian customers over the past few years. According to Sports Leisure president, **Mark Hoffman**, "The senior GLBT traveler looks not only for value and quality in their vacation experience, but also to work with a company that will understand and honor their lifestyle. I assure those who travel with us an experience free of embarrassment, and an escort and fellow travelers who are friendly and sincere."

To thank their current travelers and encourage new customers, Sports Leisure is offering free tickets to the 2pm production on Sunday, September 13. Simply call 361-2051. The only restriction is that the caller be at least 55 years of age. Your tickets will be mailed, accompanied by an invitation to a reception with the cast immediately following the production.

Written by James Lapine and William Finn, *Falsettos* is a Tony Award-winning play perhaps best described by *Time Magazine* as "the first and only great musical of the 90's...the richest emotional experience on Broadway." Sacramento theatergoers can expect no less when the Lambda Players take the stage.▼

Salad

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celery and parsley distinguishes this herb, which complements both vegetables and seafood.

Marjoram leaves and flowers: Fragrant and mild, sweet pot marjoram is best paired with delicate greens.

Mint leaves: A favorite in the Middle East, mint is good with

cucumber and adds lightness to salads based on carrots, grains and all kinds of fruit.

Nasturtium leaves and flowers: The pepperness of this plant sets off fruits and lettuces.

Oregano leaves and flowers: A mildly peppery herb traditional as a garnish for tomatoes, oregano blends well with basil, thyme or savory.

Parsley leaves: For fragrance, choose flat-leaved—also called Italian—parsley; it blends well with almost any salad, and has a special affinity for garlic.

Rose flowers: Sweet in flavor, rose petals complement any fruit or green salad. For the most pronounced flavors, choose the most fragrant roses.

Rosemary leaves: A good partner for meats, rosemary may be used with restraint on cold poultry or lamb; it is sometimes sprinkled on salads that contain oranges.

Savory leaves and flowers: This robust herb is a good choice for bean salads. Summer savory is sweeter than its peppery relative, winter savory.

Tarragon leaves: A classic element of the fines herbes mixture and a favorite of James Beard, tarragon has a strong anise flavor. It should be used sparingly—alone or with basil, burnet or thyme.

Thyme leaves and flowers: Common thyme's light bitterness enhances most vegetables; lemon thyme gives salads a delightful fragrance.

Violet leaves and flowers: The delicate flavor of these petals and leaves blends well with fruits and mild greens.▼

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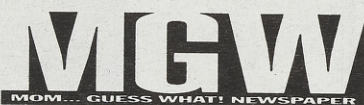
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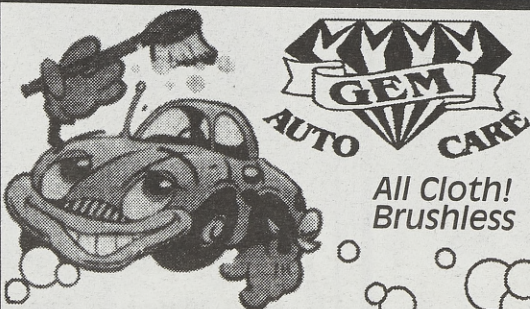
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On the HIV front...

by Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

A U.S. district judge has rejected the attempt by Oakland to make the Oakland Cannabis Buyers Cooperative a city agency so it could be immune from prosecution under federal law, and forbid the club from implementing Proposition 215, the 1996 state initiative legalizing marijuana for seriously ill people. The judge ruled the proposition conflicts with the federal Controlled Substances Act. On the plus side, he said he will consider arguments that individuals cannot be prosecuted because their actions are justified by "medical necessity."

HIV tracking bill...

The California legislature recently passed a bill mandating the tracking of HIV-infected people (states have been tracking the number of folks with AIDS-defining illnesses for years, but HIV cases have thus far only been estimated). Under the bill, California will ensure the privacy of people with HIV by using a unique (alpha-numeric) identifier code system instead of names. Proponents of the measure assert that it will help increase surveillance, prevention, treatment, and resource allocation; however, some say the measure stops short, and should include the names of infected people and allow for partner notification. The governor has not yet reviewed the bill.

Rare HIV strain hard to identify...

French researchers have identified a separate strain of the AIDS virus that appears to fall somewhere in between HIV (the human immune-deficiency virus) and SIV (the simian, or monkey version). Furthermore, the markers of this third strain are so different from the other two that people carrying it register negative on the standard antibody test.

Only the more sensitive "western blot" test can detect it. Fortunately, the scientists say, the strain appears to be localized only to Africa, where a random test of 700 frozen samples of blood taken over about a 10-year period shows that only 16 fell into this third group showing resemblances to SIV. They concluded the strain probably developed independently in wild chimpanzees and made the leap to people fairly recently.

Keep those germs away...

"Go wash your hands" -- you've heard that expression many times, most likely. But take extra precautions when you're positive with the virus -- you don't need to be putting additional bacteria into your body. After you come in contact with germs, your hands become colonized with bacteria. If you then touch your nose or mouth or eyes, you introduce the new bacteria into your system. UCD Med Center staff says "it's not just the soap" that removes bacteria from your hands, "it's also the friction caused by rubbing your hands together and rinsing them with water." Fifteen seconds of brisk rubbing (even with minimal soap) is effective -- before and after eating, after using the bathroom, after sneezing or coughing, after playing with a pet, and after shaking hands or participating in dancing or other activities where you hold hands with lots of people.

Claims under \$1 billion...

AIDS-related insurance claims measured an estimated \$960 million in 1997, marking the first time in the past nine years that the total claims were under \$1 billion. A survey of 303 life insurance, and individual and group accident and health insurance companies found that HIV-related insurance claims have

had significant declines for the past two years. The drop in claims is suspected to be the result of improvements in disease treatment and case management.

New drug passing tests...

Scientists at Abbott Laboratories say their trials on a new protease inhibitor, ABT-378, so far show it to be safe and effective when the compound is combined with ritonavir, which increases the amount of ABT-378 in tissues. Of the 17 study participants who took the combination treatment for a 20-week period, 16 had plasma HIV RNA levels of about 400 copies at the end of the study, down from 5,000 copies or more at the outset. Side effects with diarrhea and headache were minimal, for the most part.

Rapes of children spreading AIDS...

An increase in rapes of young African girls -- sometimes by family members -- is leading to an increase in the number of HIV-infected children. Sexual abuse is also contributing to the rate of runaways, which may further expose children to additional risks of the commercial sex trade. Some African men believe that sex with virgins

can bring magical powers and possibly cure AIDS, based on advice of some traditional herbal or spiritual practitioners who even prescribe the action for infected men. Furthermore, many of the children who become infected never realize that they have contracted HIV since testing is not common. In response to the problem, the Zimbabwe National Traditional Healers Association has been holding workshops to improve education about AIDS and to clarify treatment misconceptions. Additionally, the 50,000 members of the group are distributing a brochure noting that treatments involving sex with children are illegal.

Educator charged on inappropriate video...

An AIDS prevention educator in New Jersey has been charged with distributing obscenity to minors after he showed a videotape of gay sex acts to under-aged teens. The tape, produced by Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York City, was shown to seven teens aged 15 to 17 at a county youth shelter. The program advocates the use of condoms as an AIDS prevention effort.

The man, who is employed by the South Jersey AIDS Alliance, could face up to 18 months in prison. ▼



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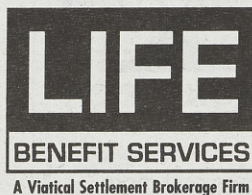
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When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. To add the names of loved ones to MGW's remembrance column, call 737-0309. For info about creating a NAMES Project memorial panel for those who have died of AIDS, call 484-4164.

"Celgene's Thalidomide Beneficial in AIDS Wasting Study"

A report by Celgene indicates that thalidomide can significantly increase body weight in patients experiencing AIDS-associated wasting. The company, based in Warren, N.J., found that thalidomide treatment caused a mean gain in body weight of 10 percent over a 28-week period, with about half of the patients returning to their premorbid weight. Patients were given 50 mg, 100 mg, or 200 mg daily; subjects on the 100 mg regimen experienced the greatest weight gain. Previous research showed that thalidomide had no systemic effects on AIDS patients and that the therapy did not appear to alter HIV infection markers in asymptomatic patients. ▼



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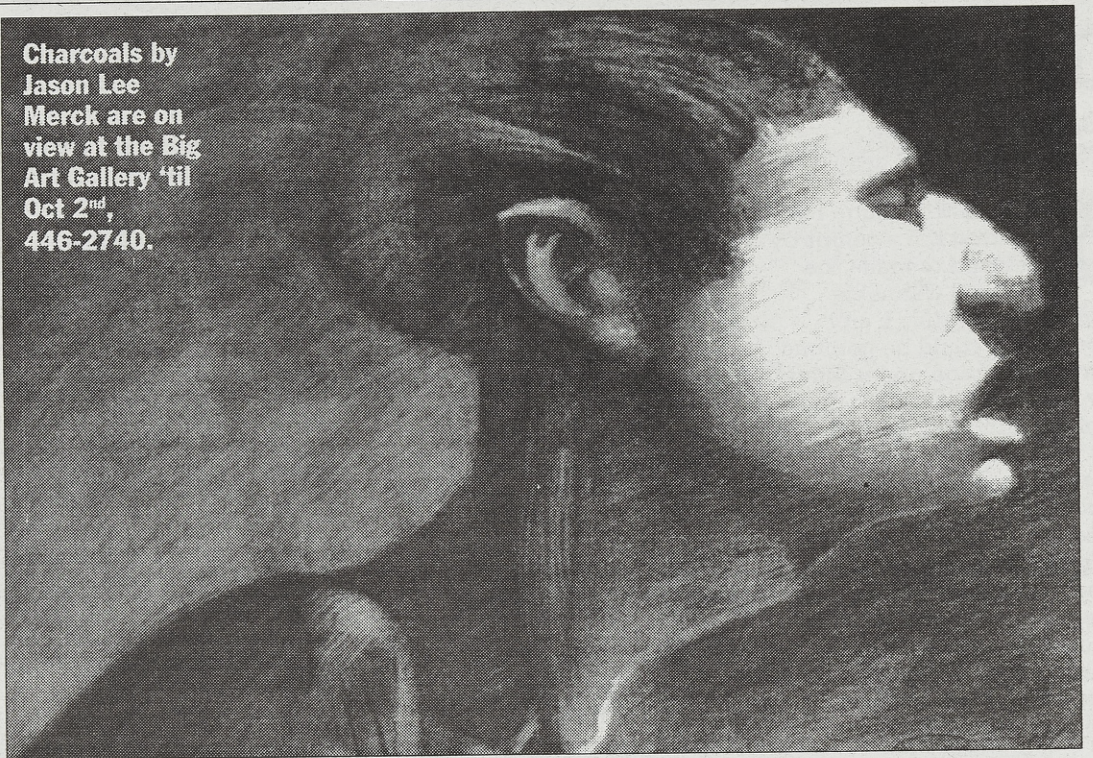
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25 Friday



The Margeret Jenkins Dance Company will present the San Francisco premiere of *Fault with the Paul Dresher Ensemble* live, September 24, 25, 26 at 8pm at Yerba Buena Center Theater in San Francisco.

FALL WOMEN'S WEEKEND II, Russian River, 'til the 27th, Guerneville, 707-869-0452

INFORMATIVE PROGRAM ON HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DOG, Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael, 972-0336

DRAFT HORSE CLASSIC, Nevada County Fair, 11228 McCourtney Rd., Grass Valley, 530-273-6217

'98 FALL FASHION SHOW, Women's Business Network, 6:30pm, Radisson Hotel, 500 Leisure Ln., 363-1536

PEAR FESTIVAL - KELSEYVILLE, Seaplane Splash-In-Lakeport, Pedal Round The Puddle-Bike Race, 707-279-0208

EVOLVING TIMES EXPO '98, 'til the 27th, Sac Convention Center, Fri. 3-10pm, Sat-Sun 10am-6pm, 13th & J St., 965-8463

GOLDFEST AT IRONSIDES VINEYARDS, Lemon Grove, 'til the 27th, 209-728-1251

STACEY BARLETT & FRIENDS, "DOT," Books & Friends Bookstore, 7:30pm, 300 Main St., Roseville, 782-READ

DOWNTOWN CONCERT SERIES: *Mumbo Gumbo*; 442-8575

BEING GAY TODAY, 2pm, Channels 17 or 73

GAY YOUTH GROUP, 6:30pm, 1722 J St. @ Breaking Barriers, 442-0185

FARMERS MARKET-TOWN & COUNTRY VILLAGE, 8-11:30am, Fulton & Marconi Ave.

FARMERS MARKET-GARCIA BEND PARK, 4-8pm, Pocket Rd West off I-5

26 Saturday

SOLANO AIDS WALK & AWARENESS FAIR, Mare Island Parkway, Vallejo, 10am-5pm, 707-421-2750

16th ANNUAL BASS LAKE CLASSIC TRIATHLON, 8:30am, Pines Resort, North Shore Dr., 209-658-5351

AMERICAN HEART WALK, American Heart Association, William Land Park, 8am, 446-6505

FERRON, The Winters Opera House, 7&9:15pm, 13 Main St., Winters, 922-6843

17th ANNUAL LESBIGAY SPORTS DAY & FESTIVAL, Angel Island, SF, 415-522-2386

THE MARCH: COMING TOGETHER TO CONQUER CANCER, 11am, Capitol Mall, 764-9023

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY FALL SALE, Sheppard Garden Center, McKinley Park, 446-5384

PEAR FESTIVAL - KELS EYVILLE, Seaplane Splash-In-Lakeport, Pedal Round the Puddle - Bike Race, 6420 Soda Bay Road, Kelseyville, CA 95451, 707-279-0208

4th ANNUAL NORTHERN CA GOURD FESTIVAL, Zittel Farms, corner of Folsom-Auburn Rd & Oak Ave., 9am-5pm, 989-2633

DOG'S DAY IN THE PARK, The Mission Oaks Recreation & Park District, 8am-12pm, 972-0336

OH, OPPOSUM!, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, 1:30pm, Ancil Hoffman Park, 489-4918

ARMENIAN FOOD FESTIVAL, Greek Hellenic Center, Alhambra & F St.

LUCY BLUE TREMBLAY, BACW, The State Theater, Modesto, "I'm Ready," 209-529-1434

DAVID BERKLEY, *Cavalli Balsamic Vinegar & Tenuta Del Numerouno-Extra Virgin Olive Oil*, 929-4422

PEDIATRIC FIRST AID & CAL DAY CARE PROVIDERS COURSE, Carmichael Parks & Recreation District, 8:30am, Sat & Sun, 485-5322

FRONT RUNNERS & WALKERS, East side of Guy West Bridge (by CSUS), 9am, 974-8199

BEING GAY TODAY, 6am, Channel 17 or 73

FARMERS MARKET-GIBSON RANCH PARK, 8am-12pm, Elverta Rd. just west of Watt Ave.

FARMERS MARKET-SUNRISE MALL, 8am-12pm, behind Sears

FARMERS MARKET-CAPITOL CITY FREEWAY, 8am-12pm, 8th & W St., under Capitol City Freeway

27 Sunday

SUNDAY VOLLEYBALL, The Bolt, 2-7pm, 2560 Boxwood, 649-8420

CARMICHAEL CLASSIC CROSS COUNTRY RUN, Ancil Hoffman Park, 485-5322

WHO LIVES & VISITS HERE?, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, 1:30pm, Ancil Hoffman Park, 489-4918

TOWE AUTO MUSEUM'S 1st ANNUAL COLLECTOR CAR AUCTION, Kruse International, Towe Auto Museum, 2200 Front St., 442-6802

SPIRITUAL ESSENCE EXCHANGE, Open Book, 6pm, 910 21st St., 498-1014

FARMERS MARKET-CAPITOL CITY FREEWAY, 8am-12pm, 8th & W St., under Capitol City Freeway

28 Monday

FROM THE BACK ALLEYS TO THE SUPREME COURT & BEYOND, CARAL, The Crest Theatre, 1013 K Street Mall, 44-CREST, Dorothy Fadiman, 442-0866

WORLD GOLD PANNING CHAMPIONSHIPS/GOLD RUSH WEEK, Coloma, 'til Oct 4th, 530-622-3470

FRONT RUNNERS & WALKERS, McKinley Park (by tennis courts), 6:30pm, 974-8199

MEN'S DISCUSSION SUPPORT GROUP, Lambda Center, 6pm, 920 20th St. #117, 442-0185

M.C.C. Christian Services, 7pm, Channel 17 or 73, 456-8600

SCIENCE FICTION BOOK CLUB, Open Book, 6:30pm, 910 21st St., 498-1014

29 Tuesday

BREAKING THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CYCLE, UC

Davis, Camellia Cottage, 1pm, 734-2587

SACRAMENTO MEN'S CHORUS, Rehearsal, Central



The Barton Gallery at 1723 I St. will be showing works from Dwight Head through October 2nd. Show here is *L' Surrealism-c'est moi!*

United Methodist Church, 53rd & H St., 7pm, 484-5789

DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS VOCALIZING AFFIRMATIVELY, Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Davis United Methodist Church, 1620 Anderson Rd., 530-756-2170

M.C.C. Christian Services, 11am, Channel 17 or 73, 456-8600

POOL LEAGUE BEGINS, 7pm, Townhouse Bar, 21st & P St., 441-5122

POETRY CLUB, Open Book, 7:30pm, 910 21st St., 498-1014

FARMERS MARKET-ROOSEVELT PARK, 10am-2pm, 9th & P St.

FARMERS MARKET-COUNTRY CLUB CENTRE, 8-11:30am, El Camino & Watt, in front of Office Depot

FARMERS MARKET-CESAR CHAVEZ PLAZA, 10am-2pm, City Hall, 10th & J St.

30 Wednesday

YOM KIPPUR

AUTHOR'S APPEARANCE: CARO CLARKE, "The Wolf Ticket," 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1014

FRONT RUNNERS & WALKERS, McKinley Park (by tennis courts), 6:30pm, 974-8199

FARMERS MARKET-CESAR CHAVEZ PLAZA, 10am-2pm, City Hall, 10th & J St.

EVENTS MASTER CALENDAR '98

Solano AIDS Walk, Vallejo	Sept 26
Folsom Street Fair, S.F.	Sept 27
MoonSisters Drum Camp, 510-547-8386	Oct 2-9
Speaking of Women's Health Conference	Oct 3
Castro Street Fair, S.F.	Oct 4
Sacramento Gay Film Festival	Oct 8-10
Coronation '98, 209-491-2437	Oct 10
Coming Out Day	Oct 11
G/L Travel Expo, S.F.	Oct 22
Fall Bouquet, Sacramento Tree Foundation	Oct 24
Anniversary of Domestic Partners Law	Nov 16
SAF: Judy Collins Concert	Dec 5
SAF: Let The Miracles Begin	Dec 6
National Freedom To Marry Day	Feb 12, 1999

Let the community know about your event now!
Send info. to MGW, 1725 L St., Sac., 95814.

THEATRE/DANCE/SYMPHONY

B STREET THEATRE. *The Melville Boys*, 'til Oct 25th, 2711 B St., 443-5300

BEYOND THE PROSCENIUM PRODUCTIONS. *Angels in America Part One: Millennium Approaches*, Sep 18-Oct 11th, *Angels in America Part Two: Perestroika*, Jan 22nd-Feb 14th, Solano Hall Dancepace, CSUS Campus, 922-9774

CALIFORNIA SYMPHONY. *Hilary Hahn*, violinist, Oct 11th, 1407 Oakland Blvd., 510-280-2490

CHAUTAUQUA PLAYHOUSE. *Harvey*, 'til Oct 10th; *Children of A Lesser God*, Oct 23rd - Nov 28th; *Scrooge*, Dec 8th - Dec 19th; *The Member of the Wedding*, Jan 15th - Feb 20th; *A Slight Case of Murder*, March 5th - April 10th; *Moon Over Buffalo*, April 23rd - May 29th; 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael, 489-1841

EAGLE THEATRE. *Damn Yankees!*, 'til Oct 17th, 925 Front St., Old Sac, 207-1226

GEERTY'S FAMILY THEATRE. *John Applesseed*, 'til Oct 3rd, 1pm, 985-6361

GARBEA THEATRE. *Festival of Original Gay Plays*, Jan 8th-10th; *An Evening of One Acts*, April 30th-May 22nd, 2130 L St.

INSTITUTE FOR THE MUSICAL ARTS. *Divulst*, Caswell Vineyards, Sebastopol, Sep 27th, 11am, 707-876-3004

JOSIE'S CABARET. *Professional Comic*, Jason, Sep 19th, 10pm; San Francisco, 415-861-7933

LAMDA PLAYERS. *Falsettos*, 'til the 26th, 24th Street Theatre, 2791 24th St.; *Festival of Original Gay Plays*, Jan 8th-10th; *The Geary Theatre*, 2130 L St.; *Cloud 9*, Feb 5th-20th; 24th St. Theatre; *An Evening of One Acts*, April 30th-May 22nd; *The Geary Theatre*, 484-4742

MONTECLAIR WOMEN'S CULTURAL ARTS CLUB. *Laura Loveband*, Sep 27th, 7pm; *Susan Wenzelmeier*, Oct 8th-9th, 7:00pm; *Kay Gardner & Mary Watkins*, Nov 8th, 4pm; *Vocellot & The Klezmerettes*, Dec 13th, 4pm; *Linda Tillery & CHC*, Jan 15th-16th, 7:30pm; *Terry Garrawalla & Barbara Borden*, Feb 6th, 7:30pm; *Cris Williamson & Teri Fure*, March 6th, 7:30pm; *Alvin*, April 5th-10th, 7:30pm; *Uli*, May 14th-15th, 7:30pm; *Ferron*, June 12th, 7:30pm; *Alvin Dobbin & Copper Wimmer*, July 17th, 7:30pm; 1650 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, 510-339-1832

NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY. *Jan-Phillipe Collin*, Piano, Oct 4th-6th; *Ere Mills*, Soprano, Nov 15th-17th; *Boston Brass*, Dec 2nd-24th; *Balety*, Feb 7th-9th; *Eric Rusk*, Trombone, March 7th-9th; *Anytshire*, April 20th, 2407 California Blvd., Napa, 707-225-6872

NEW CONSERVATORY THEATRE. *Like A Vampire*, Sep 26th-Oct 31st, 25 Van Ness Ave., S. F., 415-861-8972

OAKLAND BALLET. *The Emperor and the Nightingale*, Sep 18th, 8pm; *Carnival d'Arc*, Sep 19th, 8pm; *Ovok Dance*, Sep 20th, 2pm; *Romeo & Juliet*, Oct 10th-18th; *Platamont*, Theatre in Oakland, 2205 Broadway, 3500 Mountain Blvd, Oakland, 510-452-9288

ORPHEUS THEATRE. *Miss Saigon*, 'til Nov 29th, 1192 Market St., SF, 415-776-1999

SACRAMENTO BALLET. *Don Quixote*, Oct 22nd-25th; *The Nutcracker*, Dec 10th-13th; *Hamlet & Ruckling*, February, Feb 11th-14th; *Rothko & Etoha*, March 25th-28th; *Community Center Theatre*, 1301 L St., 552-8800

SACRAMENTO CITY ARTS CENTER. *The Mousetrap*, Sep 25th-Oct 4th; *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, Nov 9th - Dec 12th; *Hay Fever*, Feb 26th - March 27th; *Land Me A Tender*, April 23rd - May 22nd; 3835 Freeport Blvd., 558-2228

SACRAMENTO LIGHT OPERA. *Der Fliegende Hollander*, Nov 20th-24th; *La Fille du Regiment*, Feb 26th-Mar 2nd 1999, 737-1000

SACRAMENTO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. *Angel Romero*, guitar, Sept 25th-26th, *Andre Watts*, piano, Nov 28th, 8pm, Community Center Theatre, 1301 L St., 552-8800

SACRAMENTO THEATRE COMPANY. *Always...Patsy Kline*, Sep 15th-Oct 11th; *Dorothy Parker: Lady of the Corridor*, Sep 29th-Nov 28th; *Penciles*, Nov 3rd-Dec 8th; *December in America: Stories from The Heart*, Dec 11th-20th; *Savagely*, Jan 12th-Feb 7th; *The Gin Game*, Feb 2nd-March 21st; *The Last Night of Ballydoon*, Feb 25th-March 21st; *Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years*, Feb 23rd-May 2nd; 1419 H St., 443-6722

SPORTS LEISURE TRAVEL. *Picasso & the Park*, Oct 18th; "Mornings at Seven" in Sonoma, Oct 18th; *Sun Valley Jazz & Idaho Fall Colors*, Oct 14th-17th; *Phantom of the Opera*, Nov 13th; *Freeform Hall: Mark Morris Dance Group*, Oct 16th; *Sac. Comm. Center Theatre*, Mar 16th; *Freeform Hall: Josh Korbild*, Oct 30th; *Main Theater: Kronos Quartet*, Nov 6th; *Freeform Hall: The National Acrobats of China*, Nov 20th; *Freeform Hall: Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo*, Jan 21st-22nd; Main Theater: 757-3199

THE STUDIO THEATRE. *Six Women with Brain Death*, Thurs-Sun, 'til Dec 31st, 1028 R St., 446-2669

THEATRE RHINOCEROS. *The Lady in Question*, 'til Oct 10th; *Valsetz*, Nov 5th-Dec 5th; *10 Naked Men*, Jan 14th-Feb 13th; *Single Black Female*, March 11th-April 10th; *Fed Up: A Cannibal's Own Story*, May 6th-June 5th, 2926 16th St., SF, 415-861-5019

TOWNSEND OPERA PLAYERS. *Annual Opera Gala*, Sep 27th; *Elser Of Love*, Nov 14th-22nd; *Rigoletto*, Jan 23rd-31st; *Showboat*, April 17th-25th; 605 H St., Modesto, 209-572-2100

UC DAVIS PRESENTS. *Gino Delafosse & French Rockin' Boogie Band*, Oct 2nd; *UC Davis Quad: JAZZDANCE* by Danny Buraczeski, Oct 9th-10th; *Main Theater: "Highway 81 Tour"*, Oct 11th; *Freeform Hall: Mark Morris Dance Group*, Oct 16th; *Sac. Comm. Center Theatre*, Mar 16th; *Freeform Hall: Josh Korbild*, Oct 30th; *Main Theater: Kronos Quartet*, Nov 6th; *Freeform Hall: The National Acrobats of China*, Nov 20th; *Freeform Hall: Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo*, Jan 21st-22nd; Main Theater: 757-3199

WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE. *Blithe Spirit*, 'til the 27th; *The Sound of Music*, Nov 13th-Dec 13th; *Our Town*, Feb 5th-21st; *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*, April 9th-May 1st; *The Foreigner*, May 21st-June 21st; 340 2nd St., 530-666-9617

WINTERS OPERA HOUSE. *Ferron*, Sep 26th, SACWN, 7 & 9:15pm, 13 Main St., Winters, 992-6843

YERBA BUENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS. *Line Contemporary Ballet*, 'til the 20th; *Pilgrims 1998*, Sep 15th-7pm; *Margaret Jenkins Dance Company: Fault*, Sep 24th-26th; *Ballet Prejolic*, Oct 1st-3rd; *Lia Drai/Nie Ben Gal*, Oct 11th; *O Vertigo Dance*, Oct 15th-18th; *Kronos Quartet*, Nov 1st; *Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company & Alexander String Quartet*, Nov 6th-7th; 8pm; 701 Mission St. & 3rd St. St., 415-648-4848

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GWM, 51, 5'10", hairy chest + GAM, 46, 5'6", smooth, both HIV-, seeking proportionate GM who is uninhibited for hot play at our place. 2289010/15

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Maybe you can come by my place and check me out, listen to music, Drink some wine. I'm smooth and seexxy. I'm single! How about you? 2247010/01

WHITE BOY CRAZY!!

GBM, 23yo, seeking cute, friendly, down to earth, GWM's, 18-30 only!, for hot times...and much more. Let's do it! 2246010/01

SEEKING YOU-SEEKING ME!!

GWM (5'2", bl/hz, 140lbs.), looking for friends, long term relationship. I like movies, walks, cooking, music, and other things. 2279010/08

ROMANTIC INTERLUDES

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GREAT FUN

Are you red haired, blond or dark? Seeking GWM, late 50's, for adventure, fun and very possible long term relationships. Let's talk. Opera lovers a definite +. 2239009/17

RIVER CITY MEN

GPWM, 50ish, 5'11", 170lbs, new to area, into arts/outdoors seeks sincere, trustful male 24-50ish, in good shape, for warmth, friendship and poss. relationship. Please call. 2252010/08

YOUNG HISPANIC WANTED

Good looking, goatee, Br/Hz, 30, Versatile, recently returned from Europe, affectionate, tactile, seeks physically and emotionally available young man preferably hispanic or long haired for fun friendship or relationship. 2253010/08

TOP SCORPIO

I'm a GWM, 28, HIV poss. Looking to meet GWM or gay european men 20's - 40's, for freindship or possible LTR. Into horror movies & love music. HIV + or - O.K. 2251010/08

CONFIDENTIAL GET TOGETHERS

Discreet GWM, very good looking, in-shape, 28, seeks a very masculine in-shape straight or bi-curious male, 18-40, for occasional confidential get togethers. Days, evenings. No fats/fems. 2255 010/08

UN-CUT & VERSATILE

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SPANISH LOVER

Scorpio guy, warm affectionate, just moved here from Spain. I'm 26, br/br, slim built, funny, adventurous. I like movies, travel,

walks. Seeking nice romantic guy 20-40 for loving relationship. 2254010/08

SATYR SEEKING TV/TS

Nicely horned but neglected, Satyr seeks talented unusual friends (TV's, TS's, etc.). 2277010/08

FRAT BOYS WANTED

SWM (20, 6'3", blond) looking for guys to hang out and go crazy with. You 18-25, good looking, like movies, clubs, Starbucks, conversations. What are you waiting on? Call now!! 2278010/08

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STILL LOOKING

Be Fem, Be 40-55 yrs, Be Honest and Sincere. I am 47, soft butch, I love dancing, camping, and romantic evenings. N/D N/Bi L/Aic L/Smk 224009/17

SINCERE & LONELY

GWF, full figured, 48 young looking, looking for GWF who like cuddling, fun times, quiet times at home, into playing cards, TV and NIN games. 223309/03

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